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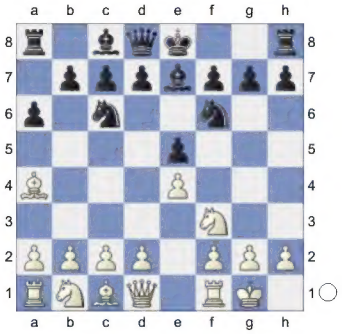
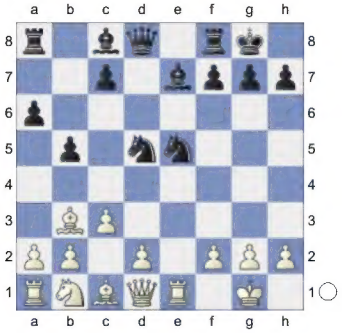
The Marshall Attack
2025 TRENDS -
(C89)168 Games
Chess Notes 2025

1 **C89**
□ **Sarana,Alexey** **2686**
■ **Kravtsiv,Martyn** **2598**
Titled Tue 10th Jun Early blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

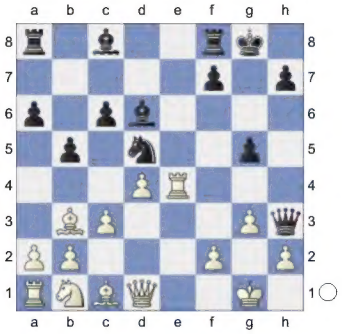
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



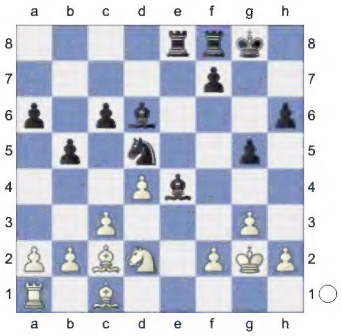
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5



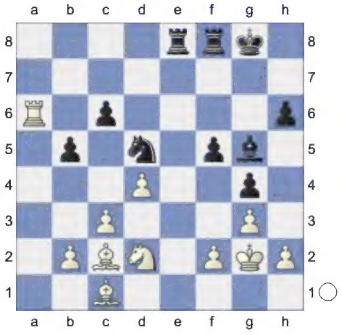
16.Qf3 Bf5 17.Nd2 -0.16/20
[17.Bc2± 0.45/20 Bxe4 18.Bxe4]

17...h6 0.83/21
[Don't do 17...Bxe4 18.Nxe4 Be7 19.Bxg5± *(19.Nxg5 Qd7±)*]
[17...Rae8!= -0.16/20 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Re3 Rxe3 20.Qxe3 f6 21.Nf1 Bg6 22.f3 Re8 23.Qf2 Bd3 24.Be3 Bxf1 25.Rxf1 Bxg3 26.hxg3 Rxe3 27.Qxe3 ½-½ (27) Oratovsky,M (2487)-Ernst,H (2715) Tours 2007 Telechess CBM 89 [John Watson]]
18.Bc2N -0.04/20
[18.Re1± 0.83/21]
[18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Re3 Rae8 20.Qxd5 Rxe3 21.fxe3 Bxg3 22.Qg2 Bxh2+ 23.Qxh2 Qxe3+ 24.Qf2 Qd3 25.Qf3 Qc2 26.Nf1 Re8 27.Ne3 Be4 28.Nxc2 Bxf3 29.Ne3 Kg7 30.a4 Be4 31.axb5 axb5 32.b3 f5 Kryvoruchko,Y-Aansh,N Russia 1974 ZUS C73 [FS_ENG 12/99] 1-0 (58) 33.c4 f4 34.Ng4 h5 35.Ne5 Kf6 36.Ra5 Rd8 37.Bb2 bxc4 38.bxc4 g4 39.d5 Kf5 40.d6 Ke6 41.d7 g3 42.Ra6+ Kf5 43.Rh6 f3 44.Rxh5+ Ke6 45.Rh6+ Kf5 46.Nxf3 Bxf3 47.Rf6+ Kg4 Day,C-Gerald,S corr 1974 UltraCorr3a [CHESS March 1976 pp.198-9] 1-0 (58) 48.Rd6 Bc6 49.Rxc6 Rxd7 50.Rg6+ Kf3 51.Rf6+ Kg4 52.c5 Rd1+ 53.Rf1 Rd2 54.Be5 Rc2 55.Bd6 Kh3 56.Rb1 Rc3 57.Kf1 Kg4 58.Rb8 1-0 (58) Day,J-Katz,G corr 1974 UltraCorr3a [CHESS March 1976 pp.198-9]]
18...Rae8!= Pin **19.Qg2** The position is equal. **19...Qxg2+ 20.Kxg2** Threatens to win with Rxe8. **20...Bxe4+**

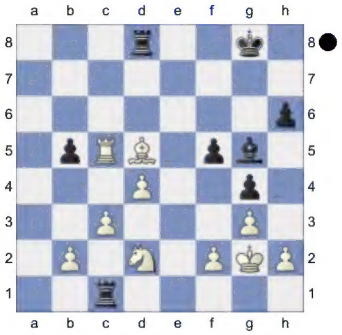
(Diagram)



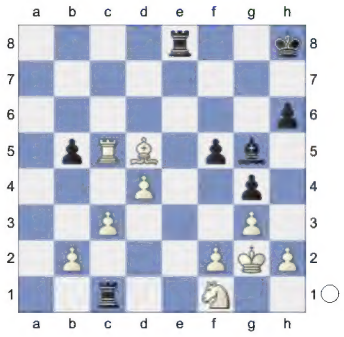
21.Nxe4 Be7 0.08/20
[21...Re6!∓ -0.34/21]
22.a4 f5 23.Nd2 g4! 24.axb5 -0.39/21
[24.h4= -0.02/19]
24...axb5∓ ...Bg5 is the strong threat.
25.Ra6 Bg5



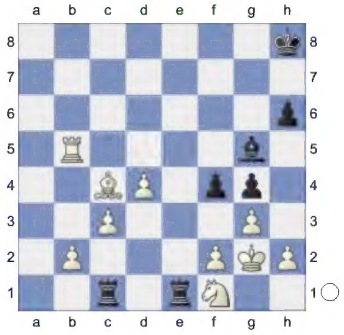
26.Rxc6 Re1! 27.Bb3 Rd8 -0.01/24
[27...Rxc1∓ -0.33/24 28.Bxd5+ Kh7]
28.Rc5= The board is on fire. **28...Rxc1**
29.Bxd5+ -1.03/24
[29.Nf1!= -0.01/24]



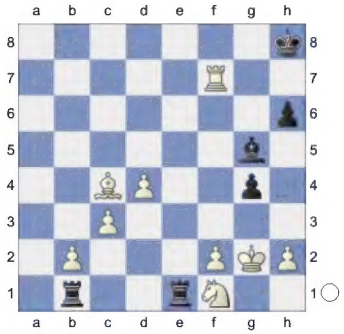
29...Kh8 0.01/22
[29...Rxd5!∓ -1.03/24 30.Rxd5 Bxd2 31.Rxb5 Rc2]
30.Nf1 Re8 0.85/23
[30...b4= 0.01/23 keeps the balance.]



31.Rxb5± Ree1 0.66/22
[Black should try 31...f4± 1.13/22]
32.Bc4!± f4



33.gxf4 Bxf4 34.Rf5 Bg5 35.Rf7 Rb1



36.Rb7 Red1 37.Be2 0.45/23
[37.d5± 0.86/23]
37...Re1 38.Bd3 Rbd1 39.Bc4 Rb1
40.d5 aiming for d6. **40...Red1**

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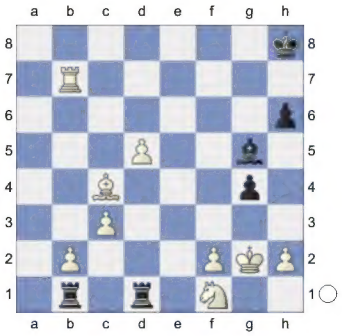
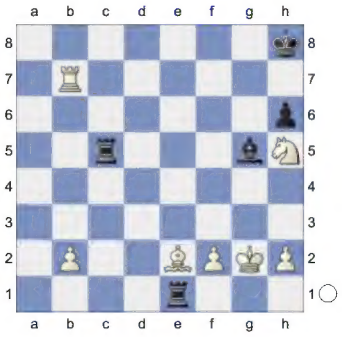
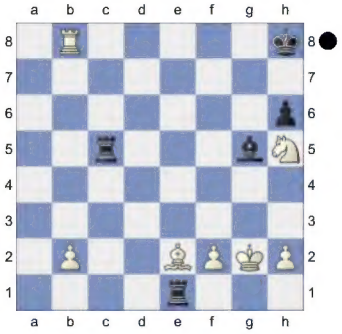


41.Be2 Rxd5 42.Bxg4 Rc5 1.80/21
[42...Bc1!± 0.53/22]
43.Ng3+- Rxc3 2.94/22
[⌓43...Bf4 1.87/18 44.Nh5 Bc7]
44.Nh5 1.53/22
[44.Bf5+- 2.94/22 Rcc1 45.Bxb1 Rxb1 46.Ne4]
44...Rc5± 45.Be2 0.20/22
[45.Rb8+± 1.57/25 Kh7 46.f4 Bxf4 47.Nxf4 Rc2+ 48.Ne2 Rbxb2 49.Re8]
45...Re1? #5/12
[45...Rd5= 0.20/22]



46.Rb8+



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2 **C89**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2804**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2837**
Titled Tue 6th May Early blitz (9) 6.5.25
[Kitty Kat]

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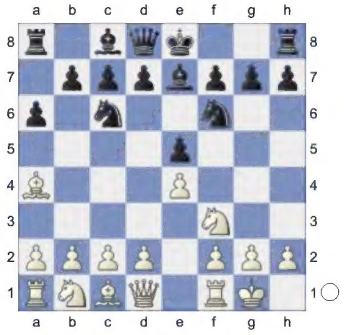

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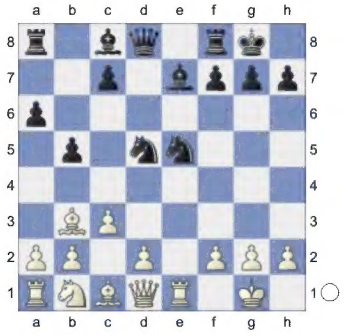

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[Of course not 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

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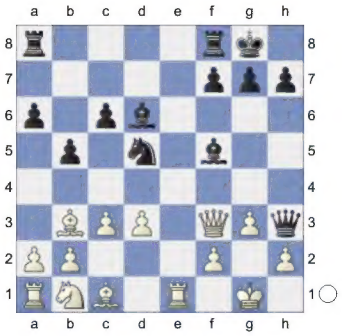
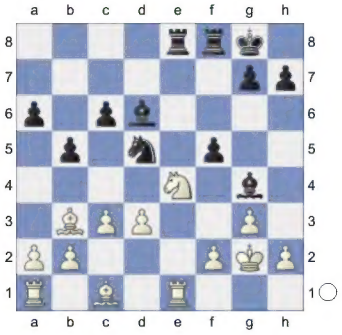


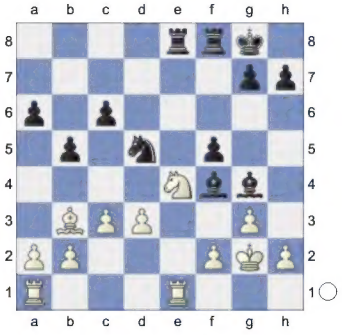
16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Black should prevent Qxh3. **18...Qxg2+** -0.26/5

[Black should try 18...Qh5 0.24/22]

19.Kxg2= f5



20.Bf4! Bxf4



21.gxf4 Hoping for Ng3. **21...fxe4 22.dxe4** Pin **22...Bf3+! 23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4**

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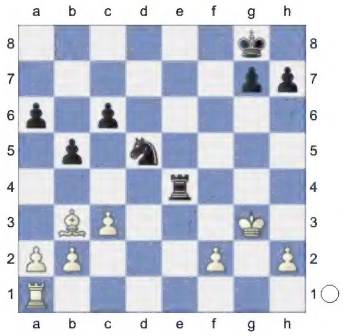
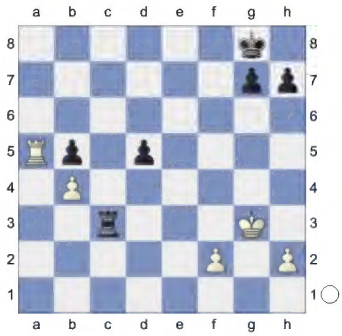


Endgame KRB-KRN **26.a4** The position is equal. **26...Re2! 27.axb5 axb5 28.Bxd5+ cxd5 29.b4N**

[29.Rd1 Rxb2 30.Rxd5 Rb3 31.f3 *(31.Kg4 Rxc3 32.Rxb5 Rc4+ 33.Kg3 Rc3+ 34.Kg2 Rc8 35.f3 Rf8 36.Kg3 h6 37.Ra5 Kh7 38.Rb5 Rf6 39.Ra5 Rg6+ 40.Kf2 Rf6 41.Kg2 Kg6 42.Kg3 Rf5 43.Ra6+ Rf6 44.Ra5 Rf5 45.Ra6+ Rf6* Osnos,V (2768)-Molina,R (2859) Moscow 2022 CBM 72 ext [John Watson] ½-½ (46) *)* 31...Rxc3 32.Rxb5 ½-½ (32) Karjakin,S (2750)-Artemiev,V (2701) Moscow 2024 MegaBase2025-Update05 [Kitty Kat]]

29...Rc2 30.Ra5 Rxc3+



31.f3

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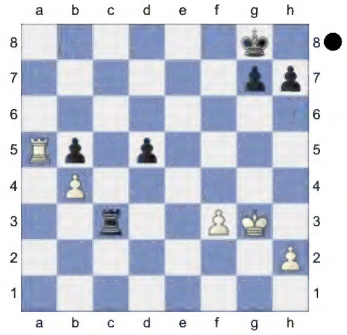

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3 **C89**
□ **Saric,Ivan** **2673**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2730**
Bundesliga 2024-25 (14.1) 26.04.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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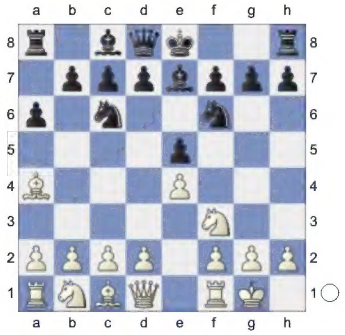

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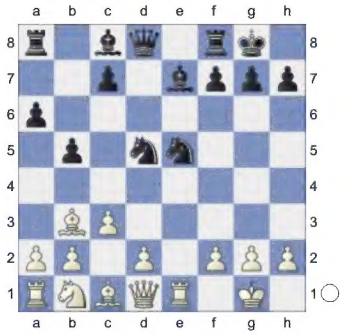
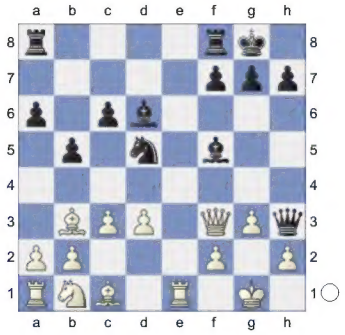


11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



16.Be3 Bxd3 White has an edge.
[Don't play 16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
17.Nd2 Bf5
[But not 17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]
18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rad8 20.Qg2 Qh5

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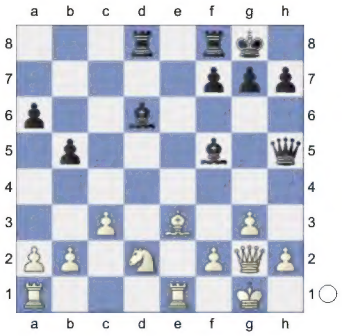
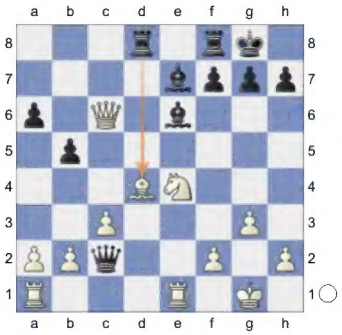
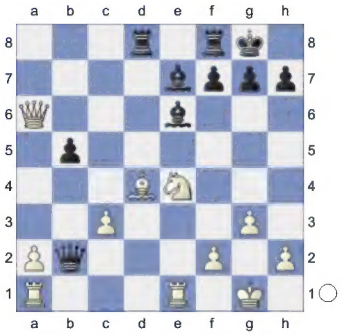


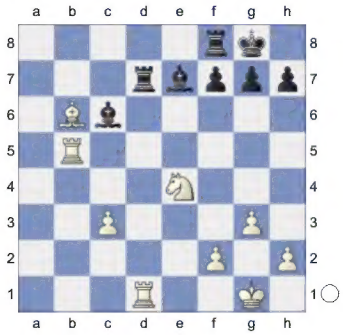
21.Bd4 Be6
[21...b4 22.Nc4 Bb8 23.Ne3 Be6 24.Qc6 bxc3 25.bxc3 Qb5 26.Qf3 Rfe8 27.Rab1 Qd7 28.Rb7 Qc8 29.Reb1 Bd6 30.a4 Rd7 31.h4 h6 32.Rxd7 Qxd7 33.Rb6 a5 34.Rb5 Bc7 35.Nf5 f6 36.Kh2 Madaminov,M (2517)-Sivuk,V (2569) Toshkent 2024 Mega2024 Update 33 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (57)]
22.Qf3 Qg6 23.Qc6N Qc2 24.Ne4 Be7



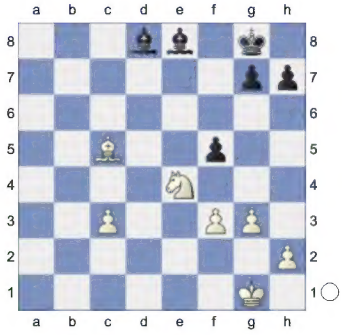
aiming for ...Rxd4! **25.Qxa6 Qxb2**



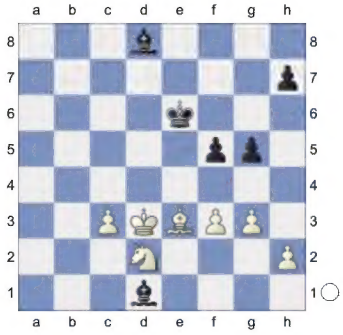
26.Rab1 Qxa2 27.Qxa2
[27.Qxb5 is more complex. Rfe8 28.Qe5 f6 29.Qb5]
27...Bxa2 28.Rxb5 Bd5 29.Bb6 &Bianco is more active. **29...Rd7 30.Rd1 Bc6**



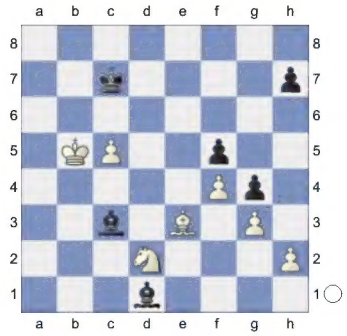
31.Rxd7 Bxd7 A strong pair of Bishops. **32.Re5 Re8 33.Bc5 Bd8 34.Rxe8+ Bxe8±** Endgame KBB-KBN **35.f3 f5**



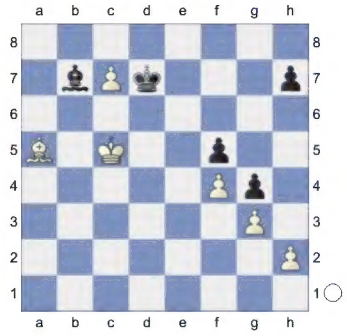
36.Nd2 0.73/18
[⌓36.Nd6 1.07/22 Be7 37.Nxe8 Bxc5+ 38.Kf1]
36...g5 37.Kf2 Kf7 38.Be3 Ke6 39.Ke2 Ba4 40.Kd3 Bd1



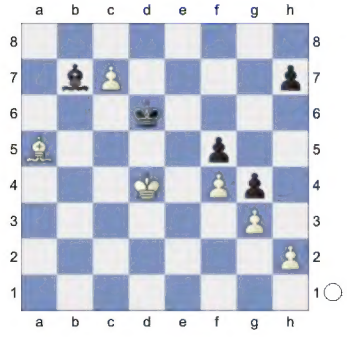
41.f4 g4 42.Kc4 Kd6 43.Kb5 Bf6 44.c4 Bc3 1.84/26
[44...Bc2± 0.92/23 might work better.]
45.c5++- Kc7



46.c6? -0.01/33
[46.Kc4+- 1.98/26 Bxd2 47.Bxd2]
46...Bxd2 2.48/26
[46...Be2+= -0.01/33 47.Kc5 *(47.Nc4 Ba5=)* 47...Ba5]
47.Bxd2 Kc5 is the strong threat.
47...Bf3 48.Ba5+ Kd6 49.c7 Kd7 50.Kc5 Bb7



51.Kd4? 0.01/36
[51.Bb6!+- 2.17/33]
51...Kd6!



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4 **C89**
□ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2668**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2731**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (9.1) 07.03.25
[Kitty Kat]

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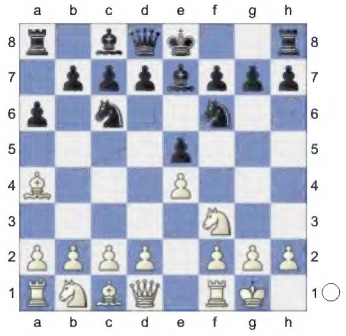
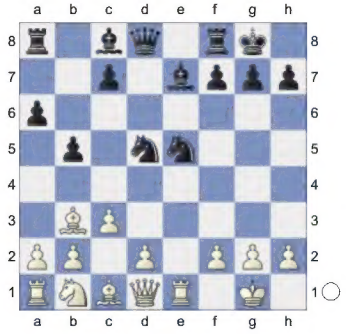
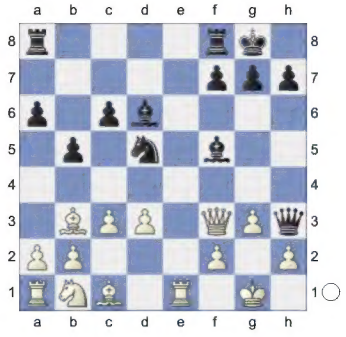


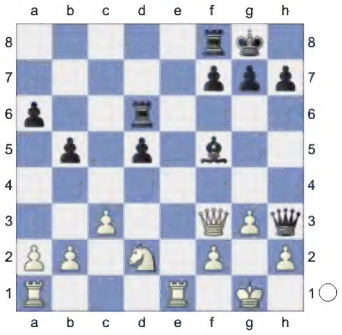
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



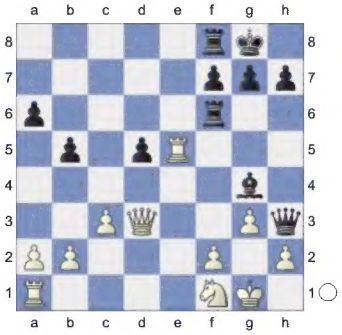
11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3!
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



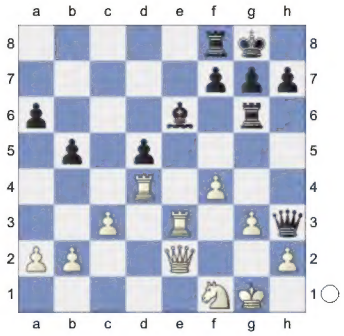
16.Be3 Bxd3
[16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
17.Nd2 Bf5
[17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]
18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Bf4 Rad8 20.Bxd6 Rxd6



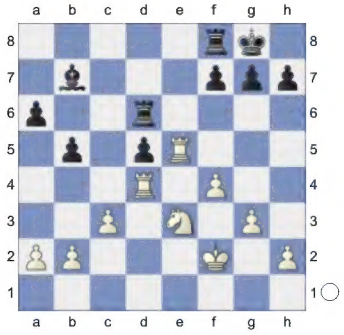
21.Re5 Bg4N
[21...Be6 22.Nb3 f6 23.Ree1 d4 24.Qf4 Rd5 25.Nxd4 Rh5 26.Nxe6 Qxh2+ 27.Kf1 Qh3+ 28.Ke2 Qxe6+ 29.Kd2 Qd5+ 30.Qd4 Rd8 31.Qxd5+ Rhxd5+ 32.Kc1 g5 33.a4 Kf7 34.f4 g4 35.axb5 axb5 36.Ra6 Weiawaga (2764)-Arasanx (3051) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (70)]
22.Qd3 Rh6 23.Nf1 Rf6 24.Nd2 Against Bf3 **24...Rh6⇄** Black is fighting back **25.Nf1 Rf6**



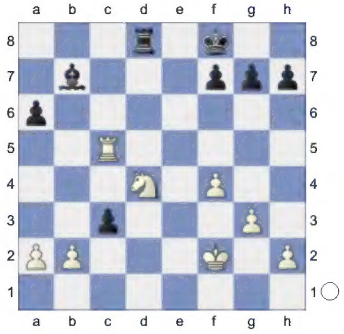
26.Re3 Inhibits Bf3. **26...Bf5 27.Qe2 Be6** 0.11/18
[27...Be4 28.f3 Bg6 29.Nd2±]
[27...b4∓ -0.31/20]
28.Rd1= Rg6 0.44/21
[28...Bg4= 0.11/20 29.f3 Be6]
29.Rd4± Rg4 30.f4 Rg6



31.Re5 Black must now prevent Ne3.
31...Bg4 0.94/23
[31...Rh6!± 0.33/19]
32.Qg2± Qxg2+ 0.92/5
[32...Re6± 0.61/22 should be considered.]
33.Kxg2 Bc8 34.Kf2 Bb7 35.Ne3 Rd6



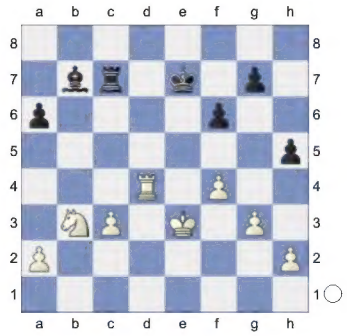
36.Nxd5 Rfd8 37.Ne7+ Kf8 38.Nf5 Rxd4 39.Nxd4 Endgame KRB-KRN
39...b4 40.Rc5 bxc3



41.bxc3 Rd7 42.Ke3 f6 43.Rc4 Ke7 44.Nb3 h5 1.53/19
[⌓44...Kf7 1.21/18 45.Rb4 Re7+ 46.Kd2 Bg2]
45.Rd4 1.07/23
[⌓45.Rb4 1.53/19 Hoping for Nc5.

Bc8 46.Rc4]

45...Rc7



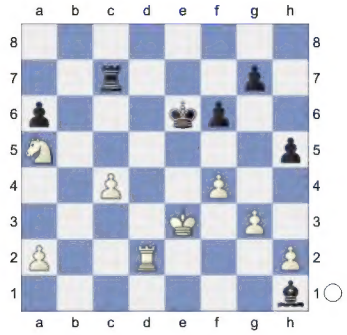
Prevents Nc5. **46.c4 Ke6 47.Na5 Bg2 48.Rd2 Bh1** 1.37/20

[⌓48...Bf1 1.01/22]

49.Rd1 Bg2 50.Rd2 -0.01/20

[50.Rg1± 1.28/19 Bh3 51.Kd4]

50...Bh1=



51.Rd1 0.01/20

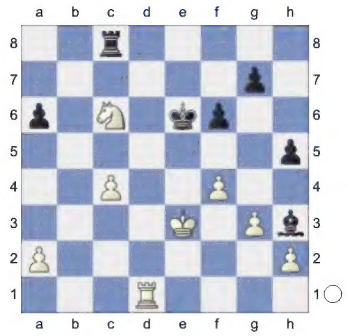
[51.Kd4± 1.11/20]

51...Bg2 52.Rg1 Bh3 1.43/21

[⌓52...Ba8 0.97/20]

53.Rc1 Re7 54.Nc6 Re8 55.Rd1 Rc8 1.47/22

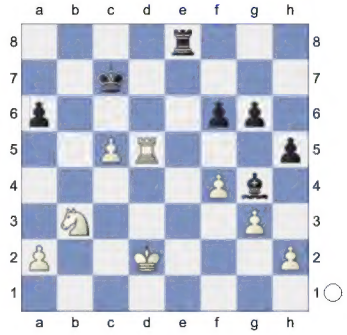
[⌓55...h4 0.99/19]



56.Nd4+± Kd6 57.Nb3+ Kc7 58.Rd5 Re8+ 59.Kd2 g6 1.56/21

[⌓59...Bg4 1.15/20]

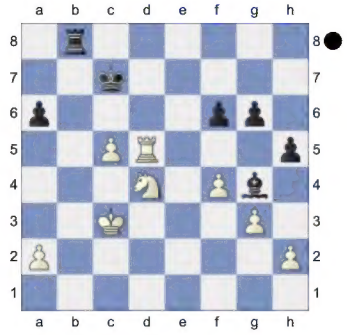
60.c5 Bg4



61.Nd4 Inhibits Re2+. **61...Rb8** 2.21/21

[⌓61...Rd8 1.68/23 62.Rxd8 Kxd8]

62.Kc3



aiming for Rd6. **62...Rb1 63.f5 gxf5 64.Ne6+** 1.31/22

[64.Nxf5?! Ra1±]

[64.Rd6+- 1.66/21]

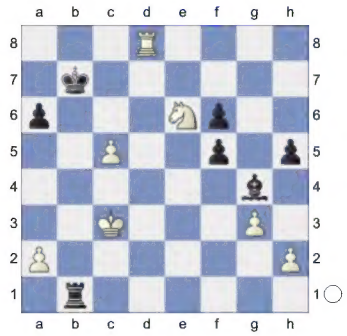
64...Kc8 1.94/21

[64...Kb8± 1.31/22 65.Rd6 a5]

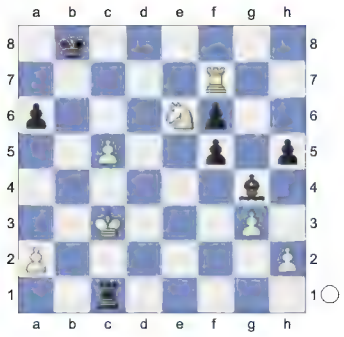
65.Rd8+ 1.36/5

[65.Rd6+- 1.94/21]

65...Kb7



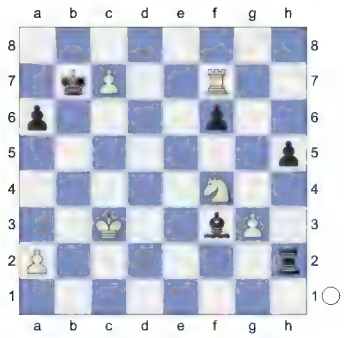
66.Rd7+ Kc8 67.Rd8+? 0.01/5
[67.Ra7+- 1.82/19]
67...Kb7= 68.Rd7+ 0.01/18
[68.Rd6± 1.39/21]
68...Kc8! 69.Rc7+ 1.25/5
[69.Rd6+- 1.99/20]
69...Kb8± 70.Rf7 Rc1+



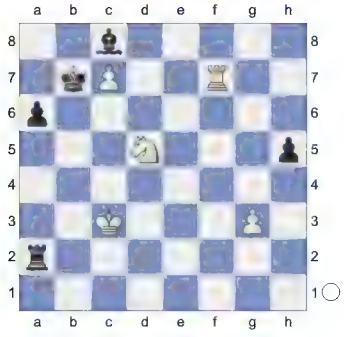
71.Kb2 Rh1 72.c6
[72.Rxf6 Rxh2+ 73.Kb3 Kb7±]

White threatens c7+ and mate. **72...f4**
73.Nxf4 &Bianco is much more active.
[73.Rf8+ Ka7 74.Nxf4 Rxh2+ 75.Kc3 Kb6±]
73...Rxh2+ 74.Kc3 Bf3 75.c7+ 0.36/22
[White should play 75.Rf8+± 1.23/20 Kc7 76.Ne6+ *(76.Rxf6 Bxc6 77.Ne6+ Kc8=)* 76...Kxc6 77.Nd4+ *(77.Rxf6 Kd5=)* 77...Kd5 78.Rd8+ *(78.Nxf3 Rxa2 79.Rxf6 Ra4±; 78.Rxf6 Bg4∓)* 78...Ke4 79.Re8+ Kd5 80.Nxf3 Rxa2 81.Rd8+ Ke4 82.Nd2+ Kf5 83.Kb3]
75...Kb7±

(Diagram)

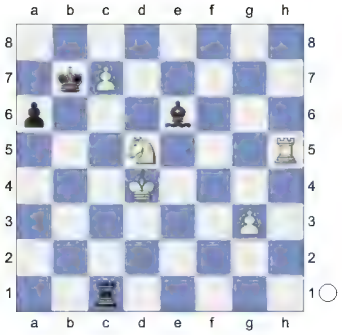


76.Ne6 Threatening mate with Rf8.
76...Bg4 77.Nc5+ Kb6 78.Ne4 Rxa2 1.02/21
[78...Kc6!= 0.23/19 remains equal.]
79.Nxf6 0.01/21
[79.Nd6± 1.02/21]
79...Bc8 80.Nd5+ Kb7

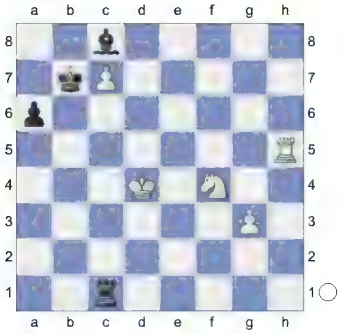


81.Rf6 Rb6+ is the strong threat.
81...Ra1 82.Kd4 And now Rb6+ would win. **82...Rc1** 1.00/18
[82...Rb1= 0.04/23 keeps the balance.]
83.Rh6 0.10/21
[83.Rb6+± 1.00/18 Ka7 84.Rb3]
83...Bg4 0.41/20
[83...Rc6= 0.10/21 84.Rh8 *(84.Rxh5 Be6=)* 84...Rc2]
84.Rh8 0.01/21
[84.Rb6+± 0.41/20 is superior. Ka7 85.Rb2]
84...Bc8= 85.Rxh5 0.61/20
[85.Ke5= 0.01/20]
85...Be6±

(Diagram)



86.Nf4 Bc8 0.01/19
[Better is 86...Bd7± 1.00/19]
87.Nd5 Be6 88.Nf4 Bc8



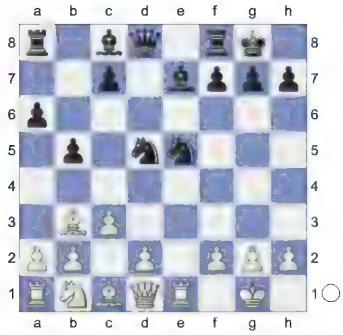
Black defended with fortune.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

5 **C89**
□ **Hjartarson,Johann** **2464**
■ **Adams,Michael** **2664**
World Senior Teams +50 (6.1) 23.02.25
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

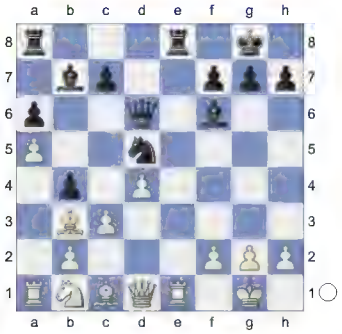
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.a4N 0.02/19
[14.Na3± 0.42/19 should be considered. b4 15.Nc4 bxc3 16.Na5 Rb8 *(16...Bxd4 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7* 9.g4 ♗e6 10.♘e6 fe6-7.Bg5 Agde 2011 CBM 45 group4 [Nickel]*)* 17.Nxb7 Rxb7 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Bxd5 cxb2 ½-½ (19) Bennedik,M-Harding,T IECG email 1999 The Total Marshall [Harding]]
[14.Nd2 Nf4 15.Nf3 Bxf3 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.gxf3 Bg5 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Qd3 Qe7 20.Qf5 Bd6 21.f4 Re8 22.Bd5 g6 23.Qg4 Kh8 24.a4 bxa4 25.Rxa4 Qe1+ 26.Kg2 Re2 27.Qf3 Rxb2 28.Ba2 Rc2 Kaulla,A-Kasatkin, P Jugoslavija 40/260 1998 CT-1892 [Laios,S] 0-1 (31)]

[14.Rxe8+ Qxe8 15.Na3 b4 16.cxb4 Nxb4 17.Nc4 Bxd4 18.Be3 Qe4 19.Qf1 Bf6 20.Rd1 Nd5 21.Bc1 Re8 22.Ne3 Nb6 23.Bc2 Qc6 24.Bd3 Qa4 25.a3 h5 26.Nc4 Bd5 27.Ne3 Bb7 28.h3 g6 Naiditsch,A (2636)-Esipenko,A (2682) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (54)]

14...b4= The position is equal. **15.a5 Qd6**



16.g3 -1.16/21

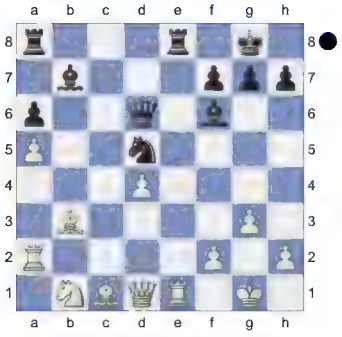
[16.Bd2= 0.01/19 keeps the balance.]

16...bxc3!∓ &Nero is more active.

17.bxc3 c5 Threatens to win with ... cxd4. **18.Ra2** -1.58/23

[⩲18.Rf1 -0.87/19]

18...cxd4 19.cxd4

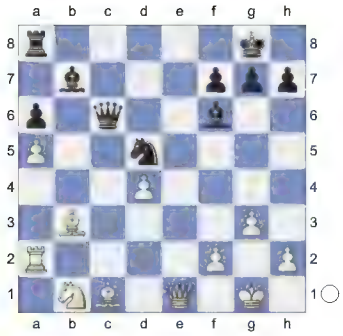


Rxe1+ -0.87/5

[19...Bxd4!-+ -1.75/23 20.Rae2 *(20.Rxe8+? Rxe8 21.Re2 Rxe2-+)* 20...Nc7]

20.Qxe1 Qc6

[20...Bxd4 21.Qe4 Qc5 22.Ba3]



21.Rc2 Qb5 -0.39/20

[Don't take 21...Nc3 22.d5 Qb5 23.Nxc3± *(23.Rxc3 Bxc3 24.Qxc3 Rc8±)*]

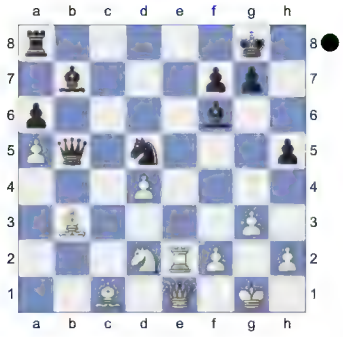
[21...Qd7!∓ -0.86/21 22.Nd2 Bxd4]

22.Re2 -1.03/21 **h5→** -0.63/20 Black has some attack.

[Black should try 22...h6∓ -1.03/21 White must now prevent ...Rc8. 23.Qd1 Bxd4!]

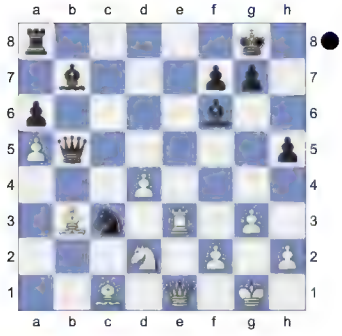
23.Nd2? -2.74/23

[23.Qd1∓ -0.63/20]



White does not recover from this.

23...Nc3!-+ 24.Re3

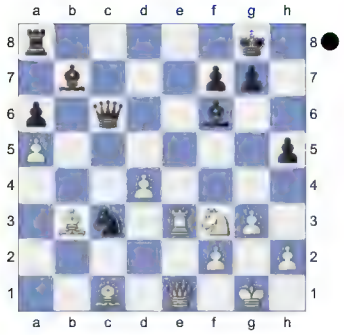


Qc6

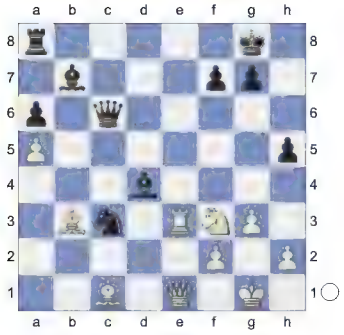
[But not 24...Bxd4? 25.Re7 Rf8 26.Bc4-+]

25.Nf3? -5.12/23

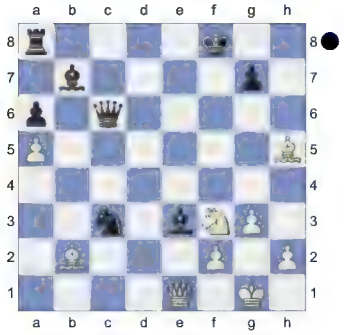
[25.d5 -3.09/21 keeps fighting. Nxd5 26.Re4]



25...Bxd4!



Black is clearly winning. **26.Bb2 Bxe3 27.Bxf7+ Kf8 28.Bxh5**



Bd4 29.Ba3+

[29.Bc1 g6]

29...Kg8 30.Qe7 Against Rd8 **30...Bf6**

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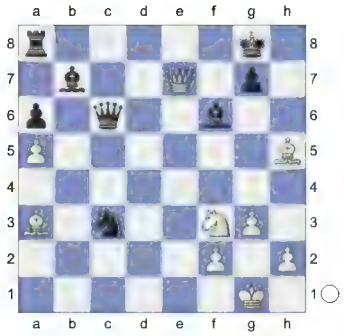
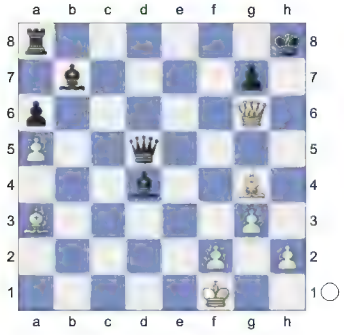


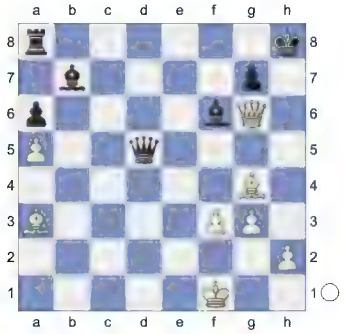
31.Qf7+ Kh8 32.Bg4 Qd5 33.Qg6 Ne2+ 34.Kf1 And now Bf5! would win.

34...Nd4 Against Bf5 **35.Nxd4 Bxd4**

[Weaker is 35...Qg2+ 36.Ke2 Qxh2 37.Bc5∓]



36.f3 Bf6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.09 (flawless)

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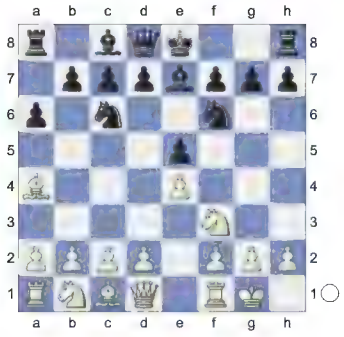
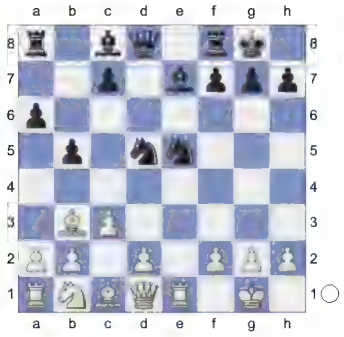
6 **C89**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2754**
Chessable Masters Losers rapid (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

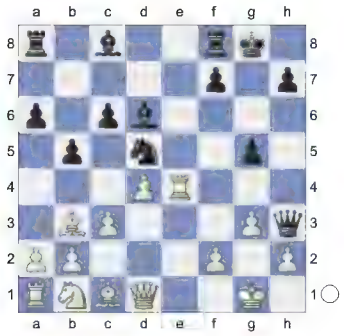
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Inf 98/(255) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



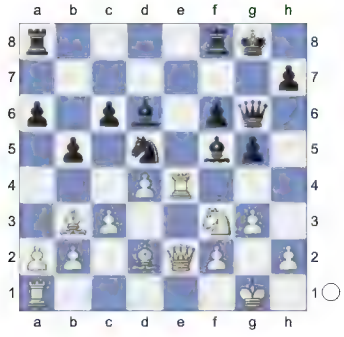
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



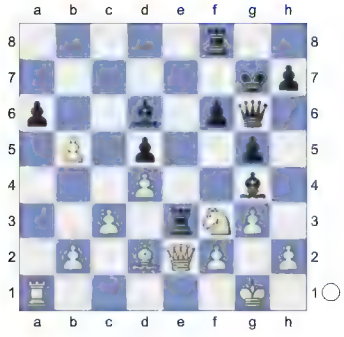
11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d4 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5



16.Qf1
[16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Re1 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5∓]
16...Qh5 17.Nd2 Bh3 18.Qe2 White is slightly better. **18...Qg6 19.Nf3N**
[19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Re3 Bf4 21.Re7 Bd6 22.Re3 Kh8 23.Nf3 f6 24.Bd2 Rae8 25.Ne1 Rxe3 26.Qxe3 Re8 27.Qf3 Re4 28.a4 bxa4 29.Rxa4 Bg4 30.Qg2 Be2 31.b3 h5 32.Ra1 h4 33.c4 Qf5 odonata-bot (2735)-Bot Feline (3021) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (66)]
19...f6 20.Bd2 Bf5



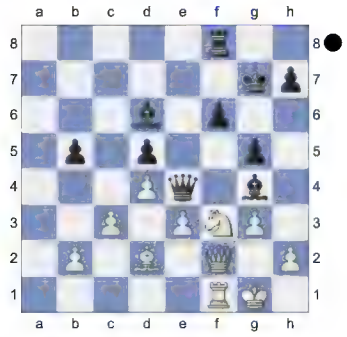
21.Re6 0.39/22 **Rae8±** Pin **22.Re3 Kg7 23.Bxd5 cxd5 24.a4** -0.89/21
[24.Ne1= 0.24/20]
24...Bg4 -0.06/22
[24...Rxe3∓ -0.89/21 25.fxe3 Bd3]
25.axb5 Rxe3



26.fxe3 -0.54/19
[26.Bxe3= 0.01/21 Qh5 27.Qf1 *(27.b6? Bxf3 28.Qf1 f5-+)* 27...Bxf3 28.bxa6]
26...Qe4∓ 27.Rf1 -1.03/21

[⌓27.Kg2 -0.72/20 axb5 28.Ra6]

27...axb5∓ 28.Qf2



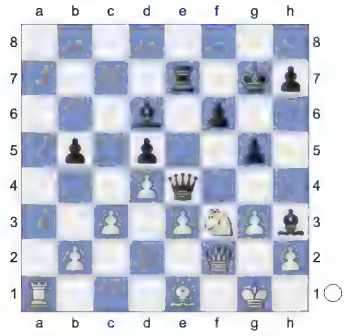
Bh3 -0.01/21

[28...h6!∓ -1.15/19]

29.Ra1= Rf7 30.Be1 -0.44/20

[30.Ne1= 0.01/21]

30...Re7



Black has compensation. **31.Ra6 Re6 32.Bd2 Qb1+ 33.Be1 Qd3 34.Ra7+ Kg6 35.Bd2 Qb1+**

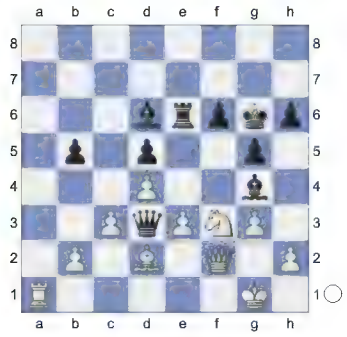
[35...Re7 36.Ra1=]

36.Be1 Qe4 Active counter play! **37.Bd2 h6** -0.35/22

[But not 37...Re7?! 38.Ra6 Re6 39.Ra1=]

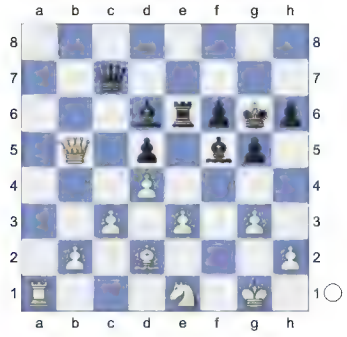
[37...Bg4∓ -0.93/20 38.Ne1 Qb1]

38.Ra1 Qc2 39.Be1 Qd3 40.Bd2 Bg4



Hoping for ...Bxf3. **41.Ne1 Qc4 42.Qf1 Be2⇄** Black has counterplay **43.Qg2** Strongly threatening b3! **43...Bg4 44.Qf1 Qc7 45.Qxb5 Bf5?** 2.21/20

[45...Bxg3!= 0.01/20 46.hxg3 Qxg3+ 47.Ng2 *(47.Kh1? Bf3+ 48.Nxf3 Qxf3+ 49.Kg1 Re4-+)* 47...Bf3]



46.Qe2? 0.41/18

[46.Qxd5+- 2.21/20 Ra5 is the strong threat. Qd7 47.Nf3]

46...Be4 0.79/18

[46...h5!± 0.41/18 should be considered.]

47.Qf2 0.12/21

[47.Nd3± 0.79/18]

47...h5 48.Ng2? -1.66/21

[48.Nf3= 0.09/20 and White has nothing to worry.]

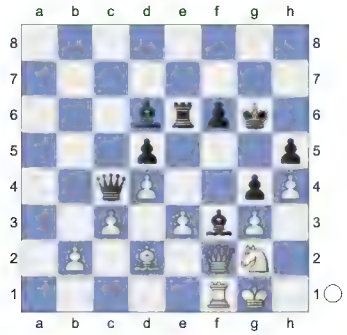
48...Qc4? -0.01/20

[48...h4-+ -1.66/21 49.Qe2 hxg3]

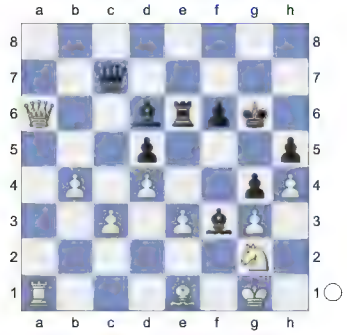
49.h4 g4 0.65/21

[49...Qb5= 0.01/20]

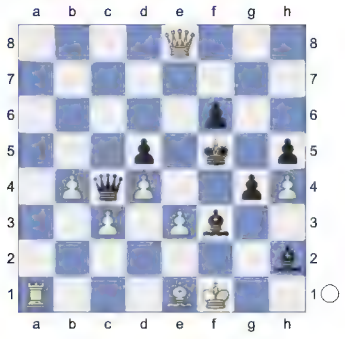
50.Rf1 0.14/22
[White should play 50.Re1!± 0.65/21]
50...Bf3



51.Ra1 Qb3 52.Be1 Qb8 53.b4 Qb5 0.71/18
[53...Re7± 0.38/20 is more appropriate.]
54.Qf1 0.01/25
[54.Kh2± 0.71/18]
54...Qb7 1.34/20
[54...Be2= 0.01/25 keeps the balance. 55.Qf2 Qd3]
55.Qa6 0.57/23
[55.Ra6± 1.34/20 Black must now prevent Nf4+. Kf7 56.b5]
55...Qc7 0.90/21
[55...Qd7± 0.57/23 feels stronger.]



56.Nf4+? -3.94/21
[56.Qa8!± 0.90/21 Qb8 57.Qxb8 Bxb8 58.Ra8]
56...Bxf4-+ 57.Qxe6 Bxg3 The board is on fire. **58.Qg8+**
[Not 58.Qe8+? Kg7 59.Kf1 Bh2]
58...Kf5 (-> ...Bh2+) **59.Qe8 Bh2+**
This bishop pair is nice. **60.Kf1 Qc4+**



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7 **C89**
□ **Shirov,Alexei** **2648**
■ **Svane,R** **2621**
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[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack 65/(336) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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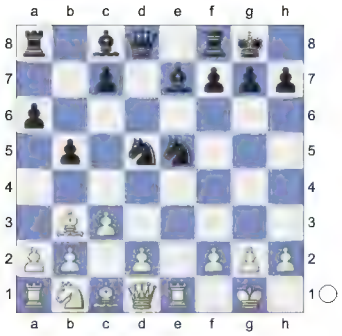
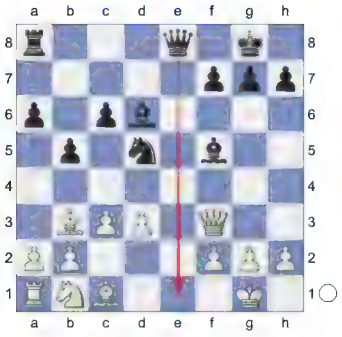
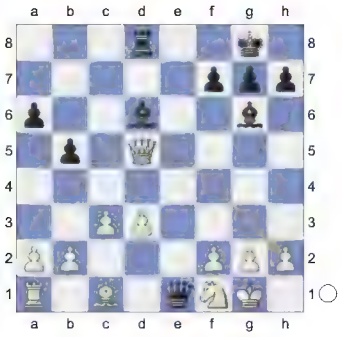


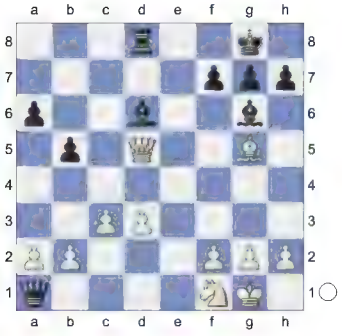
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Re8 0.65/22 **15.Rxe8+!± Qxe8**



16.Nd2! Qe1+ White is slightly better. **17.Nf1 Bg6 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rd8**



20.Bg5! Qxa1

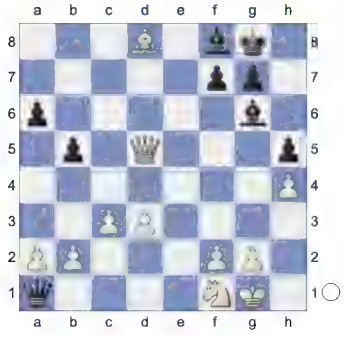


21.Bxd8 Bf8 White must now prevent ... Qb1. **22.h4N** Threatens to win with h5.

[22.h3 h6 *(22...Qxb2 23.Ba5 Qb1 24.Qa8 Bxd3 25.Bb4 h6 26.Qxf8+ Kh7 27.Qxf7* ½-½ (27) Hetz,J (2010)-12.Ne4 de4 13.d5 Bc8 (2375) Abu Dhabi UAE 1998 ZUS C73 [Matveeva,S]*)* 23.f4 Qxb2 24.f5 Bh7 25.Qa8 Qa3 26.Ng3 Qd6 27.Ne4 Qxd3 28.Be7 Qe3+ 29.Kh2 Bxf5 30.Nf6+ 1-0 (30) Estevez,C-Jaime corr 65/(336) 1993 CI1-130 [Foyo,R]]

22...h5 1.11/23

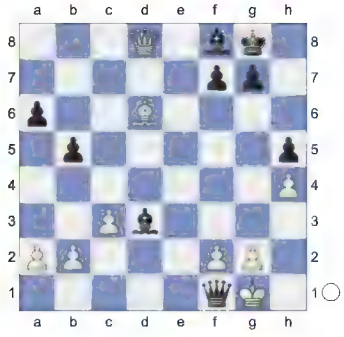
[22...h6= 0.01/25 remains equal.]



23.Bc7? -0.66/24

[23.f4!± 1.11/23]

23...Qb1↑ Strongly threatening ...Be7. Black has some pressure. **24.Qd8** Inhibits Be7. Bd6 is the strong threat. **24...Bxd3 25.Bd6 Qxf1+**



26.Kh2

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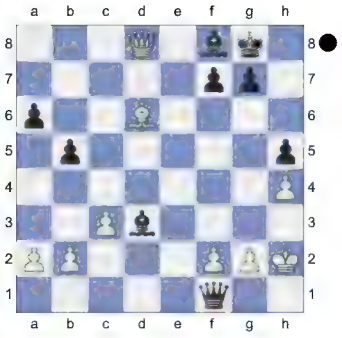
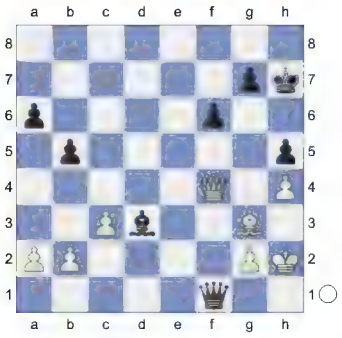
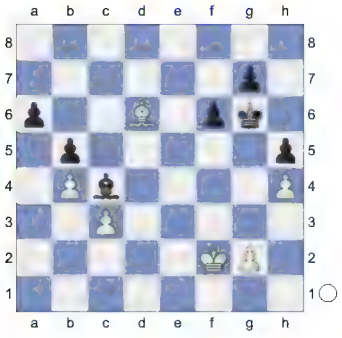


Qxf2! 27.Qxf8+
[27.Bxf8 Qf4+]
27...Kh7 (-> ...Be4) **28.Bg3 Qf6 29.Qd6 Qf1 30.Qf4 f6**



31.Qxf1 Bxf1 Endgame KB-KB **32.Bd6 Kg6 33.b4 Bc4 34.Kg3 Bxa2 35.Kf2** -1.01/31
[35.Kf4∓ -0.60/32]
35...Bc4 -0.60/28
[35...Kf5∓ -1.01/31]



36.g3 Kf5 37.Bf8 g5 38.hxg5 -0.96/31
[38.Be7∓ -0.54/29]
38...fxg5∓ 39.Bg7 Kg4 40.Bf6 h4

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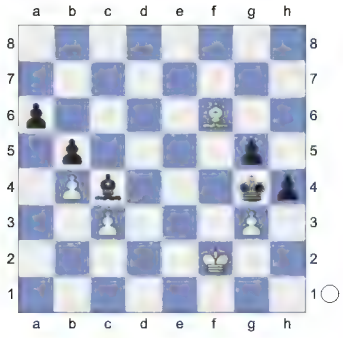
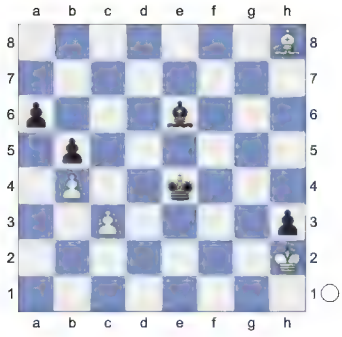
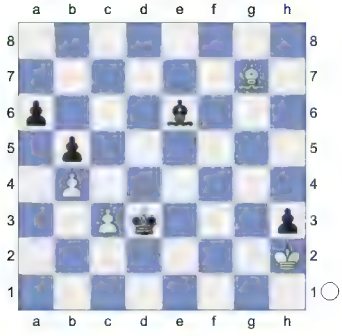


41.gxh4 gxh4 42.Kg1 h3 43.Kh2 Be6 44.Bg7 Kf3 45.Bh8 Ke4



46.Bg7 Kd3 47.Bh8 Kc4 48.Bg7 Kd3 0.01/29
[Black should play 48...Bg4∓ -0.99/32]
49.Bh8!= Kc4 0.01/33
[49...Bg4∓ -0.81/31]
50.Bg7! Kd3 -0.01/64
[Better is 50...Bf5∓ -1.24/33]



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8 **C89**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2802**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**
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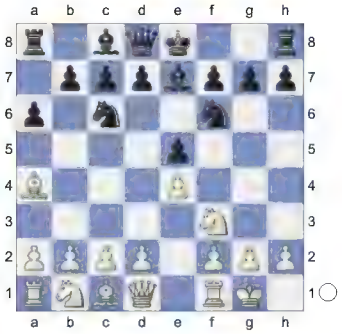
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



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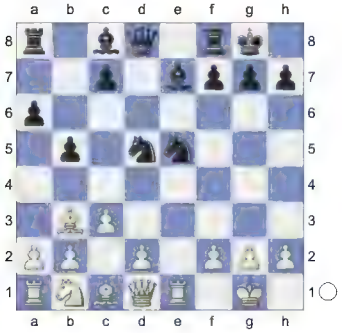

11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Rxe8+ Qxe8 White is slightly better.
15.Bxd5
[15.Na3 b4 16.cxb4 Nxb4 17.Nc4 Bxd4 18.Be3 Qe4 19.Qf1 Bf6 20.Rd1 Nd5 21.Bc1 Re8 22.Ne3 Nb6 23.Bc2 Qc6 24.Bd3 Qa4 25.a3 h5 26.Nc4 Bd5 27.Ne3 Bb7 28.h3 g6 29.Nc4 Bc8 Naiditsch,A (2636)-Esipenko,A (2682) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (54)]
15...Bxd5

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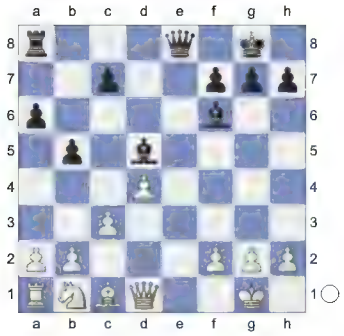

16.Nd2 Inhibits Qe4. **16...b4** 0.20/20
[16...Qe6 -0.16/20 is superior.]
17.c4N
[17.Nf1 bxc3 18.bxc3 Rd8 19.Qd3 c5 20.Bb2 Qe6 21.a4 Bc4 22.Qd2 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Qc4 24.a5 h6 25.Rd1 Qa2 26.Ra1 Qc4 27.Rd1 Qa2 28.Ra1 Qc4 29.h3 cxd4 30.cxd4 Bxd4 31.Rc1 Qa2 Varadi,V (2371)-Pandey,S (2195) Budapest 2023 Mega2024 Update 08 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (59)]
17...Be6 A strong pair of Bishops. **18.d5!**
Bf5 19.Nf1 Qe4 0.56/20
[19...Rb8= 0.04/20]
20.Ng3 -0.02/23
[White should play 20.Ne3!± 0.56/20]
20...Qd3

21.Qb3 Qxb3 22.axb3 Bc2 23.Nh5 Bd4 24.Be3 Bxe3 25.fxe3 Bxb3

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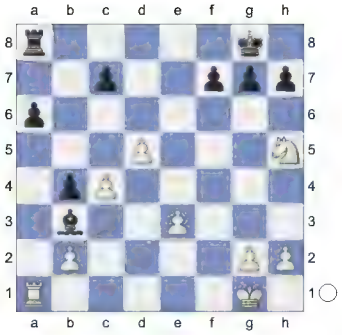
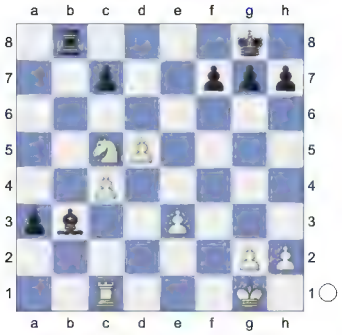
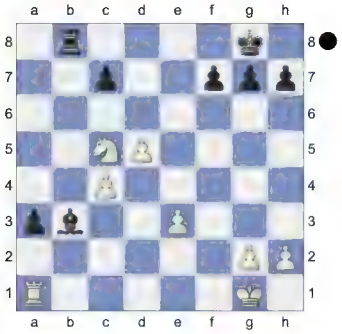


Endgame KRB-KRN **26.Rc1** -0.45/22
[26.Nf4= 0.01/22
is more appropriate.]
26...a5∓ 27.Nf4 -1.13/21
[27.Ng3!∓ -0.44/23]
27...a4∓ ...a3 is the strong threat.
28.Nd3 -1.71/23
[28.Ne2∓ -1.10/23]
28...a3-+ 29.bxa3 bxa3 aiming for ... a2. **30.Nc5 Rb8**

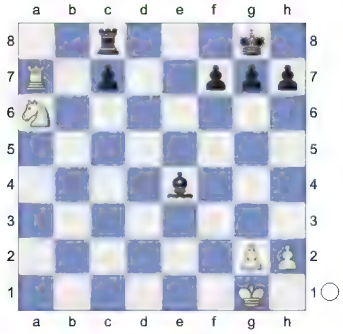


31.Ra1 -3.20/23
[31.Kf2∓ -1.53/20 was called for. a2 32.Nxb3 Rxb3 33.Ra1 Rb2+ 34.Kf3]

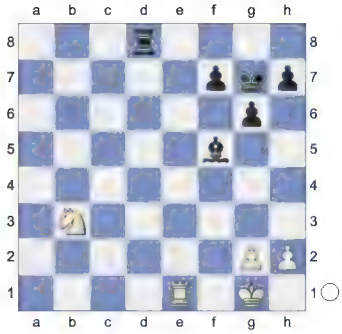


31...Bxc4? -0.90/23
[31...Ba2!-+ -3.20/23 is more deadly. 32.Kf2 *(32.Rxa2? Rb1+ 33.Kf2 Rb2+ 34.Ke1 Rxa2-+)* 32...Rb1! 33.Rxb1 *(33.Rxa2? Rb2+ 34.Ke1 Rxa2-+)* 33...Bxb1]
32.Rxa3∓ Bxd5 Threatens to win with ... Rb1+. **33.e4**

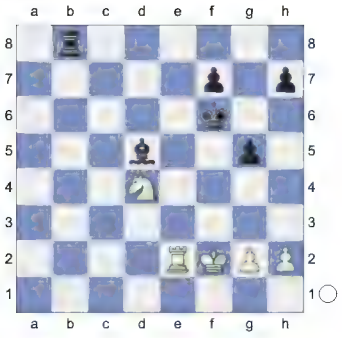
Bc6 -0.56/21
[33...Ra8!∓ -0.93/24 34.Rxa8+ Bxa8]
34.Ra7 Rc8! 35.Na6 -1.28/25
[White should try 35.Kf2∓ -0.59/20]
35...Bxe4



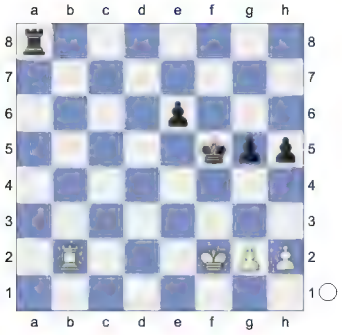
Strongly threatening ...c5. **36.Rxc7 Ra8 37.Nc5 Bf5 38.Nb3 g6 39.Rc1 Kg7 40.Re1 Rd8**



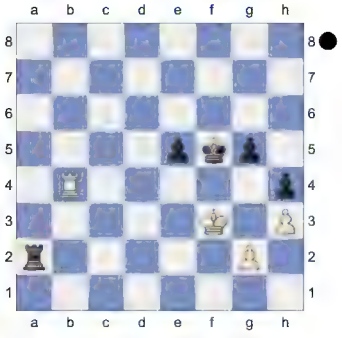
41.Kf2 g5 42.Re2 Kf6 43.Rd2 Rb8 44.Nd4 Be4 45.Re2 Bd5



46.Rd2 Ra8 47.Nc6 Be6 48.Nd4 h5 -0.71/24
[Better is 48...Ra2 -1.27/19 49.Rxa2 Bxa2]
49.Nxe6 fxe6 KR-KR **50.Rb2 Kf5**



51.h3 h4 -0.65/27
[51...Ra3∓ -1.00/23 52.Rb5+ e5]
52.Rb3∓ Ra2+ 53.Kf3 e5 -0.33/23
[53...Ra1 -0.69/25 should be considered.]
54.Rb4 -1.75/28
[54.g4+∓ -0.33/23 hxg3 55.Kxg3]



54...Ra3+!-+ 55.Kf2 e4

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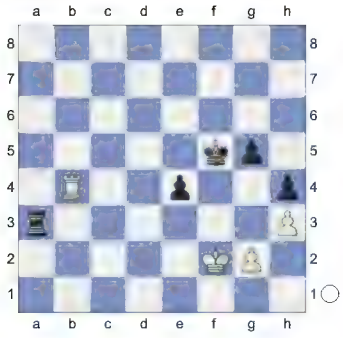
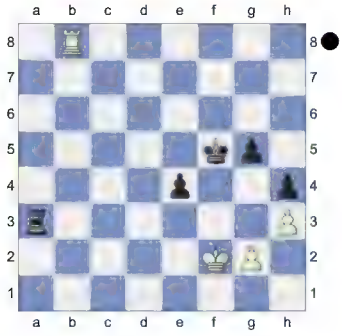
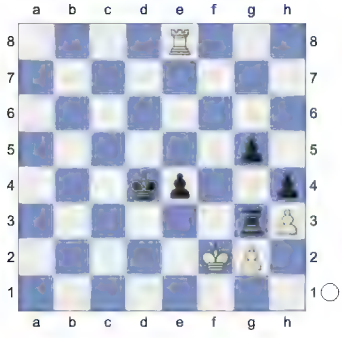


56.Rb8

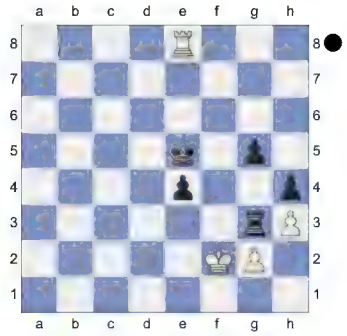


Ra2+! 57.Ke3? -3.76/29
[57.Kf1∓ -1.59/25]
57...Ra3+? -0.01/24
[57...Rxg2-+ -3.76/29 58.Rf8+ Ke5 59.Re8+ Kf6 60.Rf8+ Kg7]
58.Kf2= Rg3 -0.01/30
[58...Ra5∓ -0.53/28 59.g4+ Ke5 60.Re8+ Kd4 61.Rd8+ Ke5 62.Re8+ Kd4 63.Rd8+ Rd5]
59.Rf8+ The position is equal. **59...Ke5 60.Re8+ Kd4**



61.Rd8+ Ke5 And now ...e3+ would win.
62.Re8+ Kf4 63.Rf8+ Ke5 64.Re8+

(Diagram)



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½-½

9 **C89**
□ **Manvelyan,Mikayel** **2306**
■ **Dudkina,Uliana** **2005**
Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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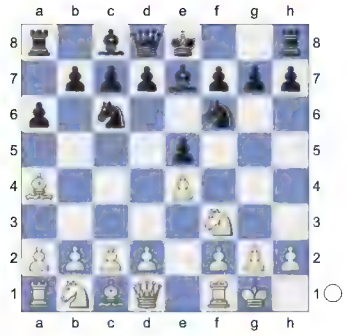
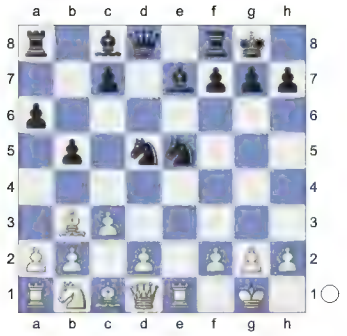
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

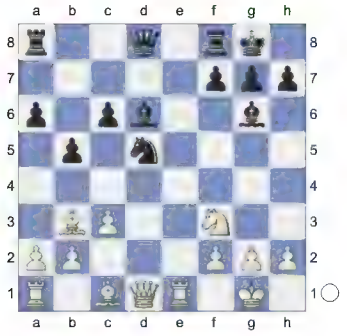


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5! The main line 13...Bf5 scores better than 13...Qh4.Die Hauptvariante 13...Lf5 punktet besser als 13...Dh4. **14.Nd2 Bxd3**
[Much less strong is 14...Qh4 15.g3 Qg5 16.Ne4±]
15.Nf3 Bg6



16.Bg5 White has an edge.
[16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Be3 Re8 18.Qd2 Be4 19.Nd4 Qh4 20.g3 Qh3 21.f3 Bg6 22.Qg2 Qd7 23.Qf2 Rab8 24.Rad1 h6 25.Nb3 Qc6 26.Ba7 Rbc8 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Bd4 Qc4 29.Re1 Rxe1+ 30.Qxe1 Qd3 Tan,Z (2545)-Shuvalova,P (2487) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 44 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (66)]
16...Nf6 17.Ne5 0.01/21
[17.Nh4± 0.54/20]
17...Bxe5= 18.Rxe5 Qxd1+N 0.47/21
[18...h6 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rc5 Rd2 22.h4 Rxb2 23.Re1 Bc2 24.Bxc2 Rxc2 25.Rxc6 ½-½ Azarov,S (2556)-Pinter,J (2512)

EU-Cup 20th Izmir 2004 (6.1) b4 26.Re4 bxc3 27.Rec4 Rxa2 28.Rxc3 Ra4 29.g3 Kg7 30.Rf3 Rg4 31.Rfxf6 Rg6 32.Rxg6+ fxg6 33.Rc7+ Kf8 34.Rc6 Kf7 35.Rc5 Ke6 36.Rc6+ Kf5 37.Rc5+ Ke6 38.Rc6+ Kf5 39.Rc5+ Ke6 40.Rc6+ Azarov,S (2556)-Pinter,J (2512) Izmir 2004 LesEchecs [LesEchecs.com] ½-½ (40)]

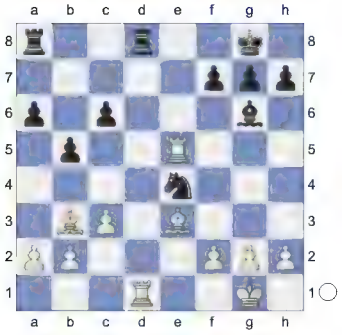
[18...h6= 0.12/21 19.Bh4 Qxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Rfd8]

19.Rxd1± Ne4 1.00/22 Prevents Rd6.

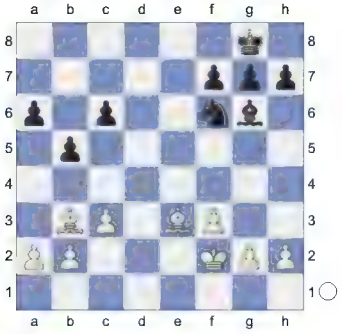
[19...Rad8± 0.48/19]

20.Be3 &Bianco is more active.

20...Rfd8



21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.f3 Nf6 23.Re7 Re8 24.Rxe8+ Nxe8± Endgame KBB-KBN **25.Kf2 Nf6**



26.Bd4 Nd7 27.a4 0.41/20

[27.c4± 0.76/21]

27...Kf8 28.g4 f6 29.h4 Bf7 30.Bc2 h6 1.02/22

[30...Bg6± 0.61/21 31.axb5 axb5]

31.Kg3 Ke7 1.17/23

[⌓31...a5 0.74/23]

32.h5 0.43/24

[32.a5± 1.17/23]

32...Kd6 0.79/23

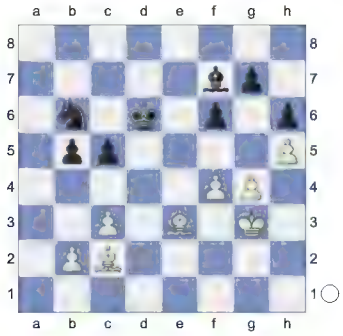
[32...c5± 0.43/24 33.Be3 c4]

33.f4 0.20/23

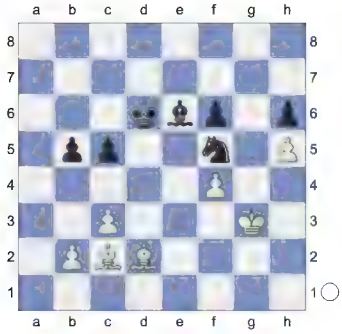
[33.b4± 0.79/23]

33...c5= 34.Be3 Nb6 35.axb5 axb5 0.58/23

[35...Nd5= 0.26/24 36.Bg1 *(36.bxa6 Nxe3 37.Be4 Bd5=)* 36...axb5]

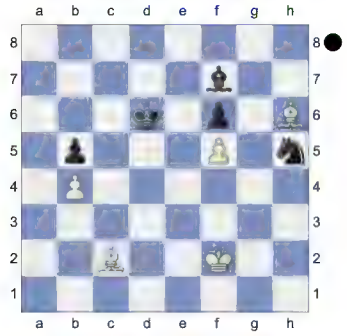


36.Kh4 Nd5 37.Bd2 Ne7 38.g5 Be6 39.gxh6 gxh6 40.Kg3 Nf5+

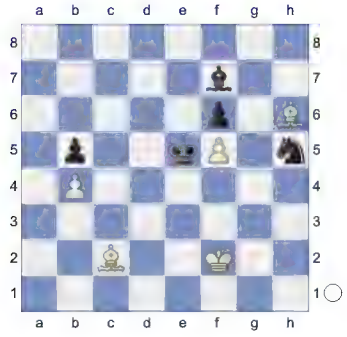


41.Kf2 Ng7 0.47/24

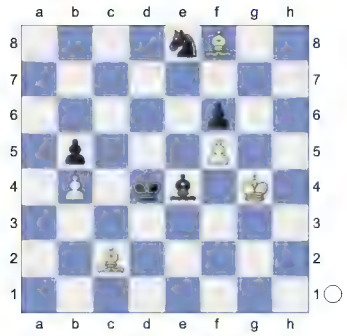
[41...Kd5= 0.01/22]
42.b4 -0.08/22
[White should try 42.f5!± 0.47/24 Nxf5 43.Bxf5 Bxf5 44.Bxh6]
42...cxb4 43.cxb4 Nxh5 44.f5 Bf7 0.48/25
[44...Bd7= 0.00/24 was preferrable.]
45.Bxh6±



Black must now prevent Kf3. **45...Ke5!**

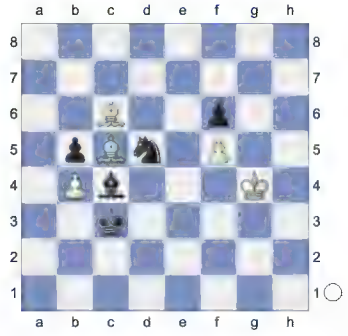


46.Kf3! Inhibits Nf4. **46...Kd4?** 3.95/29 Inhibits Bd3.
[46...Bc4= 0.30/26 47.Bc1 Bf1]
47.Bd2? 0.00/25
[47.Kg4+- 3.95/29]
47...Ng7= 48.Kg4 Bd5 49.Bh6 Ne8 50.Bf8 Be4



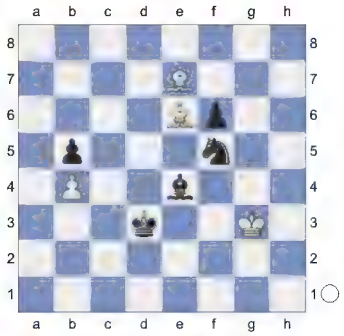
51.Bd1 -0.70/24
[51.Bb3!= -0.01/27]
51...Bd5? 0.90/26
[51...Ke5∓ -0.70/24 stays ahead.]

52.Be2 0.00/25
[52.Kf4!± 0.90/26]
52...Bc4 53.Bf3 Kc3 0.70/23
[Black should play 53...Ke5= 0.00/25]
54.Bc5 0.33/23
[⌓54.Be7! 0.70/23]
54...Nc7± 55.Bc6 0.00/22
[55.Be7!± 0.44/24]
55...Nd5 0.71/32
[55...Na6= 0.00/22]

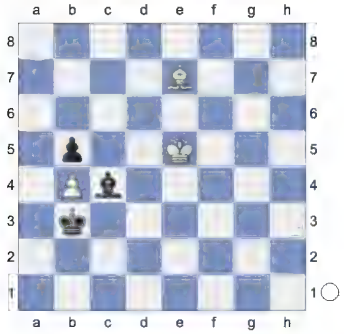


56.Be8 -0.01/23 This bishop pair is nice.
[Better is 56.Bxd5± 0.71/32 Bxd5 57.Kh5 Bf7+ 58.Kh6]
56...Bd3 57.Bf7 Be4 0.81/26
[57...Be2+= 0.00/22 58.Kg3 Nxb4]
58.Kg3 0.00/23
[58.Bxd5± 0.81/26 Bxd5 59.Kh5 Bf7+ 60.Kh6]
58...Kd3 The position is equal. **59.Be6**

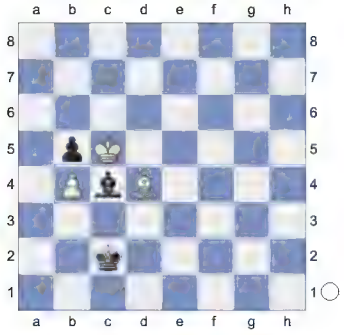
Ne3 60.Be7 Nxf5+



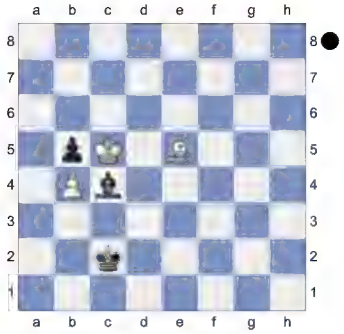
61.Bxf5 Bxf5 62.Bxf6= KB-KB
62...Be6 63.Be7 Bc4 64.Kf4 Kc2 65.Ke5 Kb3



66.Kd4 Kc2 67.Kc5 Kb3 68.Bd6 Kc2 69.Be5 Kb3 70.Bd4 Kc2



71.Be5 Kb3 72.Bd4 Kc2 73.Be5



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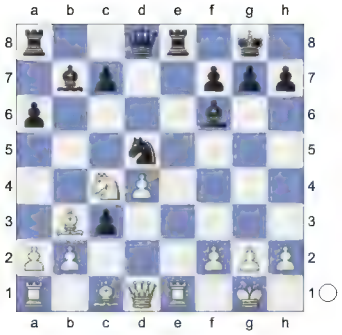
10 **C89**
□ **Wei,Yi** **2751**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**
87th Tata Steel Masters (9.7) 28.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
RR: 'Inf 70/(333)' Adla,D: '49/402 ' Adla, D: 'Inf 49/402' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

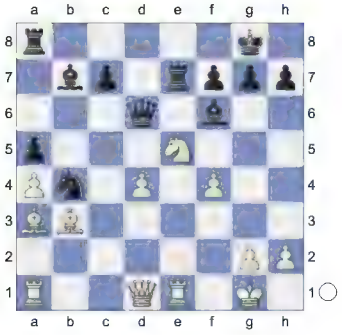
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Na3 14.Bd2 is vanishing. 14.Ld2 scheint zu verschwinden. **14...b4** White has an edge. **15.Nc4 bxc3**

(Diagram)

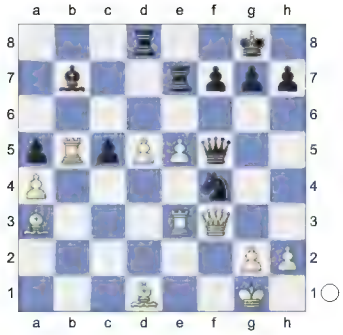


16.Ne5 Qd6! 17.f4 0.01/17
[17.Qh5 g6 18.Qe2 Bg7]
[17.bxc3± 0.38/20 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rxe5 19.Bd2]
17...cxb2= 18.Bxb2 a5 19.a4 Re7 20.Ba3 Nb4

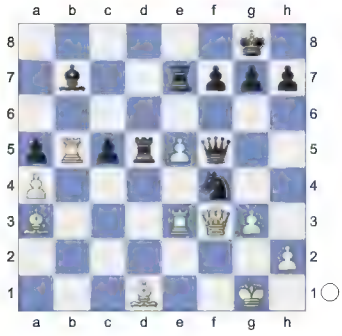


21.Rc1 Rd8 22.Rc5 Qxd4+N
[22...Bxe5 23.fxe5 Qg6 0.84/22 *(23...Qxc5!± 0.52/20 24.dxc5 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Nc6)* 24.d5 0.01/21 *(24.Qe2!± 0.84/22)* 24...Nd3= 25.Rb5! c5? 2.32/20 *(25...Nxe1= -0.01/19 26.Qxe1 Re6)* 26.Re3!+- Nf4 27.Qf3! Qb1+ 28.Bd1? 0.01/23 *(28.Kf2+- 1.99/21 g5 29.Bxc5)* 28...Qf5 0.79/21 *(28...Qa1= 0.01/23 29.Bb2 Qb1)*

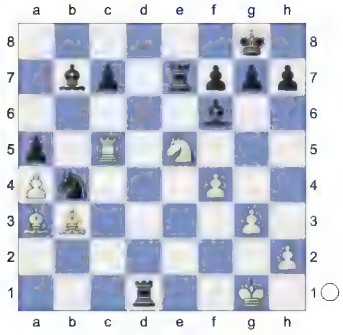
(Diagram)



29.g3!± Rxd5



30.gxf4 -0.01/21 *(30.Rxb7!± 0.52/23 Rxb7 31.gxf4)* 30...Qg6+= 31.Kf2 Rxd1! ½-½ Kong,X (2457)-Li,C (2635) TCh-CHN Div A Finals 2024 (3.1)]
23.Qxd4 Rxd4 24.g3 -0.06/21
[Much worse is 24.Bxf7+ Rxf7 25.Nxf7 Nd3 26.Rxc7 Nxe1∓]
[24.Rd1± 0.32/22 Rxd1+ 25.Bxd1]
24...Rd2 White must now prevent ...Nd3.
25.Rd1 Rxd1+



26.Bxd1 Bxe5 27.fxe5 aiming for Bb3. The position is equal. **27...Rd7 28.Be2** Rb5 is the strong threat. **28...Rd2**

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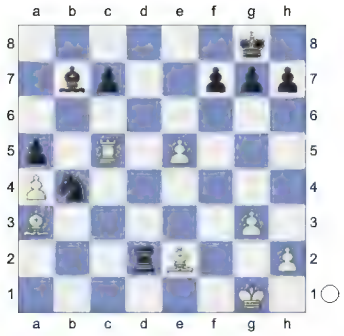
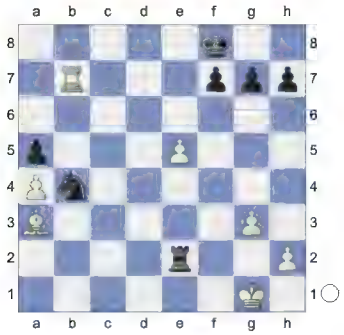
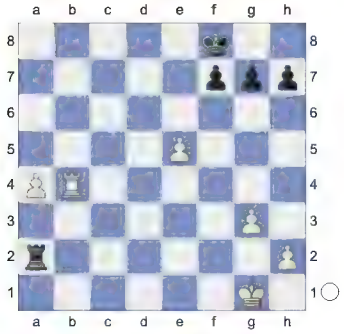


29.Rxc7! Rxe2 30.Rxb7 Kf8



31.Bxb4+ axb4 32.Rxb4 Ra2



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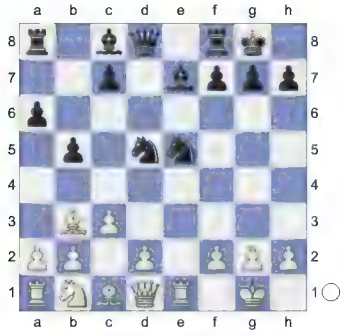
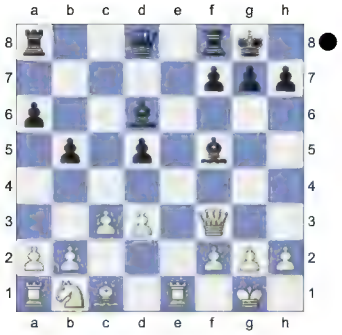
11 **C89**
□ **Ben Ari,Yannay** **2453**
■ **Nemitz,Alfred** **2268**
35th International Chess Festival CRAC..
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

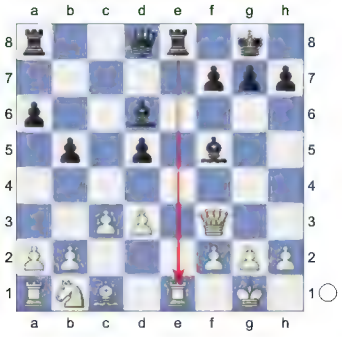
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



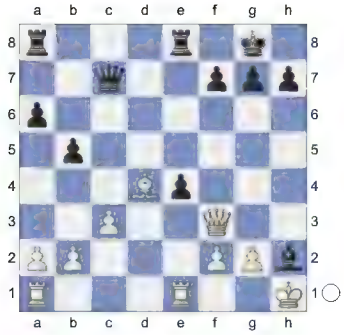
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
13...Bf5 is better than 13...Qh4. 13...Lf5 ist besser als 13...Dh4. **14.Bxd5**
[14.Qf3 Qh4 *(14...Re8 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Nd2 Qe1+ 17.Nf1 Bg6 18.g3 b4 19.h4 h5 20.c4 Nf6 21.Bd1 Re8 22.Bd2 Qe5 23.Rc1 Bc5 24.a3 a5 25.axb4 axb4 26.Rc2 Ng4 27.Ne3 Qd6 28.Nxg4 hxg4 29.Qxg4* Ivanchuk,V (2720)-Svidler,P (2745) Reykjavik 2015 CBM 170 [Pavlovic,Milos] 0-1 (33)*)* 15.g3 Qh3 16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5 20.Bf4 Bxf4 21.gxf4 fxe4 22.dxe4 Bf3+ 23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.f3 Re5 27.c4 bxc4 28.Bxc4 a5 Levano Loayza,A (2735)-Wohl,R (2738) Sverige (ch) 153/8 2005 CBM 003 [Kozlov] ½-½ (39)]
14...cxd5 15.Qf3
(Diagram)



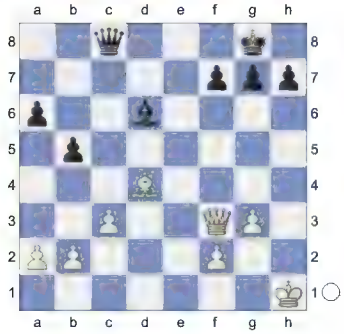
Re8N
[15...Qd7 16.Bf4 Bxf4 17.Qxf4 Bxd3 18.Nd2 Rae8 19.Re3 Rxe3 20.Qxe3 Bg6 21.Re1 b4 22.Nf3 bxc3 23.Qxc3 Qa4 24.a3 h6 25.h3 Bf5 26.Qc5 Qc4 27.Rc1 Qf4 28.Qe3 Qd6 ½-½ (28) Konstantinopolsky,A-Abramov,L USSR 1948 Corr Nr. 1 [Konstantinopolsky, FS 92:195A]]



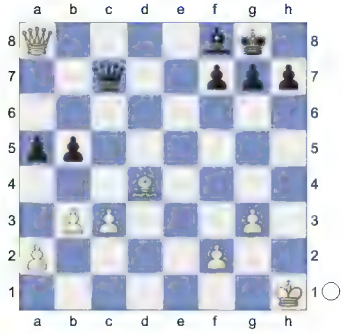
16.Be3 The position is equal.
[16.Rxe8+ Qxe8]
16...Bxd3 17.Nd2 Qc7N
[17...Bg6 18.Bf4 And now Rxe8+ would win. Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Bf8 20.Re5 f6 21.Rxd5 Qe8 22.a3 Rc8 23.Qe3 0.01/24 *(23.h3± 0.59/21)* 23...Bf7 0.46/21 1-0 Hammer,J (2441)-Moradiabadi,E (2506) Reykjavik op 23rd 2008 (3) *(23...Qf7= 0.01/24 24.Qd4 Qe8)*]
18.Bd4 Bxh2+ 1.40/5 A strong pair of Bishops.
[18...Bc2= -0.03/21 remains equal.]
19.Kh1± Be4 20.Nxe4 dxe4



21.Rxe4 Rae1 is the strong threat.
21...Bd6! 22.Rae1 Qc6 23.Rxe8+!→ White attacks. **23...Rxe8 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.g3 Qc8**

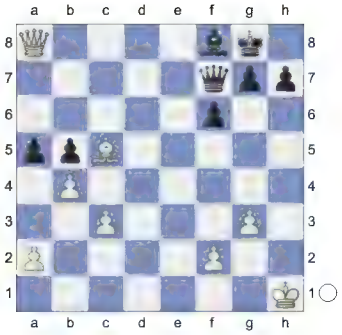


26.Qd5 Bf8 27.b3 Qc7 1.25/24
[27...Qe6± 0.48/23 28.Qxe6 fxe6]
28.Qa8 &Bianco is more active. **28...a5** 2.29/22
[28...h5± 1.19/23]

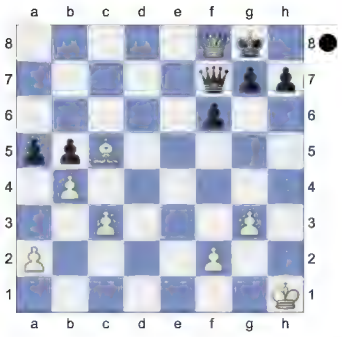


29.b4!+- f6? 9.99/25
[29...axb4 2.27/24 30.cxb4 Qc1+ 31.Kg2 h6]
30.Bc5 Qf7

(Diagram)



31.Qxf8+? 1.58/5
[31.Bxf8+- 8.74/26 and White stays clearly on top. Qc4 32.Bc5+ Kf7 33.Qf8+ Kg6 34.Qe8+ Kf5 35.Kh2 axb4 36.Qh5+ Ke6 37.cxb4]



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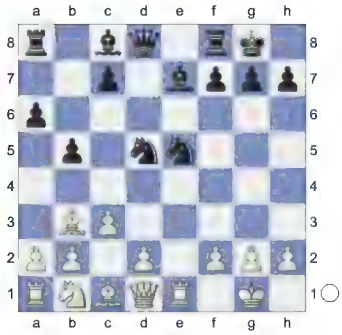
12 **C89**
□ **Manon,Reja Neer** **2289**
■ **Andersen,Mads** **2512**
FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championsh..
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

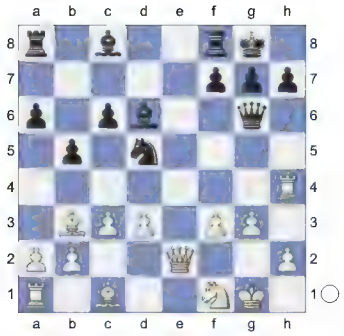
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



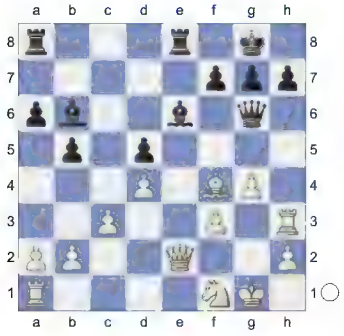
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6 0.59/20
[15...Qf5= 0.28/18 was preferrable.]

16.Rh4± Qf5 17.Nd2 Ng4 18.f3
White is slightly better.
[Don't take 18.Ne4 Be7±]
18...Ne3 19.Qe2 Nd5 20.Nf1 0.01/19
[20.Qe4± 0.60/18]
20...Qg6=

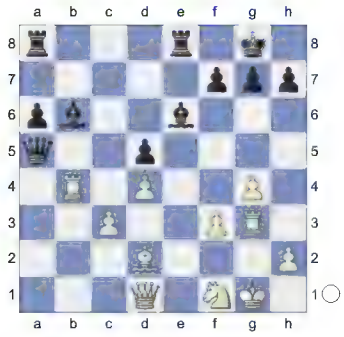
(Diagram)



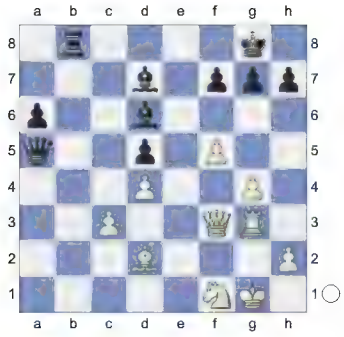
21.Bxd5N
[21.c4 Nb4 22.Ne3 Nxd3 23.cxb5 axb5 24.Bd2 Re8 25.Kh1 Bc5 26.Bc2 Bf5 27.g4 Nf2+ 28.Qxf2 Bxc2 29.Rh5 Bb6 30.Re1 f5 31.Qh4 fxg4 32.Rg5 Bd8 0-1 (32) Sacrificial Line (2461)-Coudrain,J (2580) Saint Petersburg 59/(537) 2022 Inf 70 [John Watson]]
21...cxd5 22.Bf4⇄ White is not keeping still **22...Bc5+! 23.d4 Bb6 24.g4! Be6** 0.37/18
[24...b4= -0.03/19]
25.Rh3 0.05/18
[25.Rh5± 0.37/18 feels stronger.]
25...Rfe8



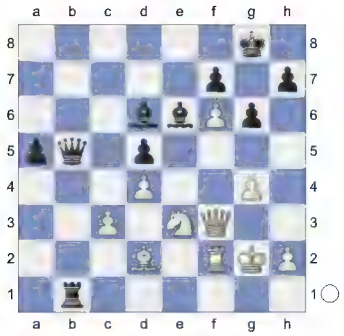
26.Rg3 -0.22/21
[⌓26.Qd2 0.23/19]
26...b4
[26...Bxg4? 27.Qd2+-]
27.Bd2 -1.20/20
[27.Qd2= -0.27/20]
27...Qc2!∓ 28.Qd1 Qxb2 29.Rb1 Qxa2 &Nero is more active. **30.Rxb4 Qa5** -0.86/18
[⌓30...Bc7 -1.20/20 31.Rg2 Qa3]



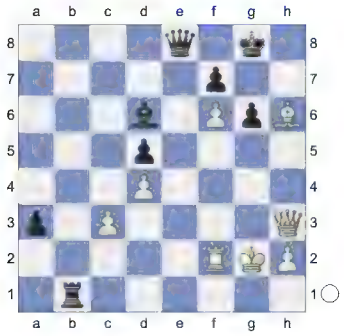
31.f4 Bc7 32.Qf3 Bd6 33.Rb1 Rab8 -1.19/20
[Better is 33...Qc7 -1.50/20 34.Rc1 Rab8]
34.Rxb8 Rxb8
[Worse is 34...Bxb8 35.f5 Bd7 36.Rg2∓]
35.f5 Bd7
[Reject 35...Bxg3?! 36.Qxg3 Qd8 37.fxe6 fxe6 38.Bf4=]



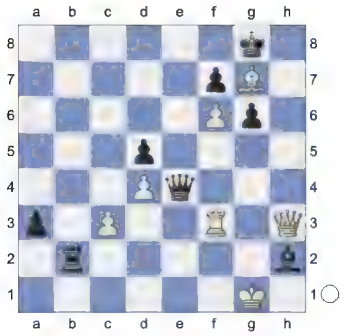
36.Rg2 -1.68/21
[36.c4∓ -1.36/21 Qa1 37.Qxd5 Bxg3 38.hxg3]
36...Rb1-+ 37.f6 g6 White must now prevent ...Qb5. **38.Rf2** -2.40/21
[⌓38.Bf4 -1.83/21 Bf8 39.Rf2]
38...Qb5 39.Kg2 a5 40.Ne3? -3.86/20
[40.Bf4 -2.08/20 was called for. Bf8 41.Qe3]
40...Be6 -2.01/22
[⌓40...a4 -3.86/20 Hoping for ...a3. 41.Nc2 Rb3]



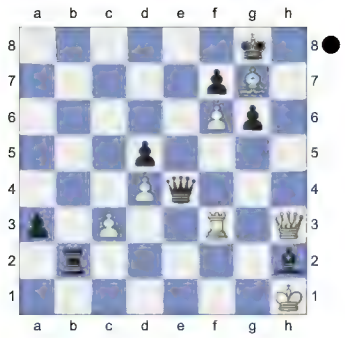
This bishop pair is nice. **41.Nf5 Bxf5**
[41...gxf5? 42.gxf5 Bxf5 43.Qxf5+-]
42.gxf5 a4 aiming for ...a3. **43.Qh3?** -3.16/21
[43.fxg6∓ -1.50/22 hxg6 44.Bf4]
43...a3 Threatens to win with ...a2.
44.fxg6 hxg6 Really sharp! **45.Bh6** -4.88/27
[45.Qc8+ -3.31/24 keeps fighting. Bf8 46.Bh6]
45...Qe8!



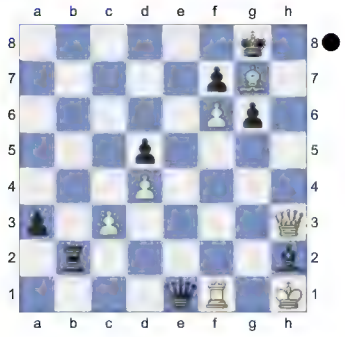
46.Bg7 Qe4+ 47.Rf3 Qe2+? 0.01/5
48.Rf2= Qe4+ 49.Rf3 Rb2+ 50.Kg1 Bxh2+



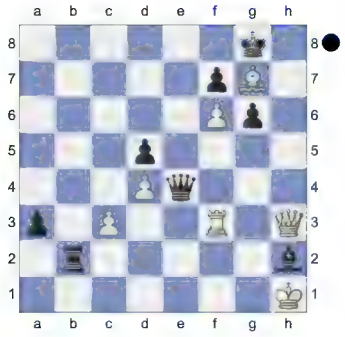
51.Kh1



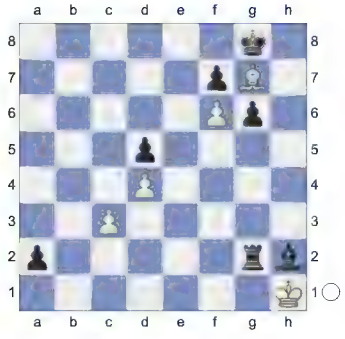
Qe1+ -7.19/28 **52.Rf1-+**



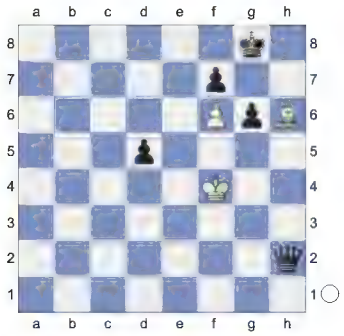
Qe4+? -0.01/31
[52...Qxf1+!-+ -8.06/32 53.Qxf1 a2]
53.Rf3=



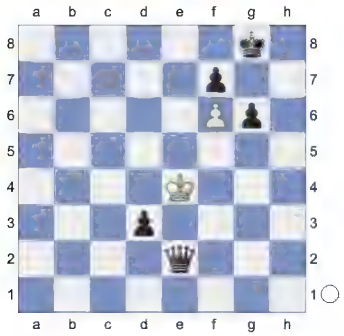
⌓Qxf3+!! -19.54/29 Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.49 **54.Qxf3 a2 55.Qg2 Rxg2**



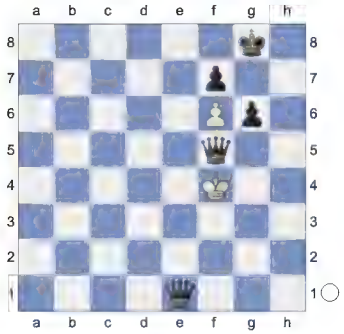
56.Kxg2 a1Q! 57.Kxh2 Qxc3 58.Bh6 Qxd4 59.Kg3 Qg1+ 60.Kf4 Qh2+



61.Ke3 Qxh6+ 62.Kd4 Qd2+ 63.Ke5 d4 64.Kd5 d3 65.Ke4 Qe2+



66.Kd5 Qc2 67.Ke4 d2+ 68.Kf4 d1Q 69.Ke3 Qe1+ 70.Kf4 Qf5#



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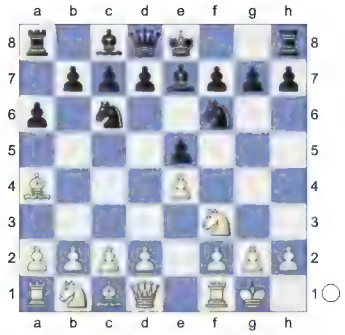
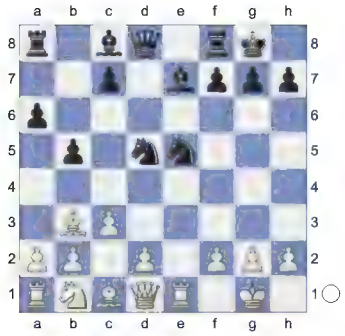
13 **C89**
□ **Hrbek,Stepan** **2405**
■ **Zilka,Stepan** **2532**
Czech Extraliga 2024-2025 (3) 14.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C89: Partie espagnole (gambit Marshall)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Nd2 Bxd3
[14...Qh4 15.g3 Qg5 16.Ne4±]
[14...Nf4 seems wilder. 15.d4 *(15.Ne4 Nxd3 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Bc2 Qg6 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.Be3* ½-½ (20) Anand,V (2792)-Leko,P (2751) Mexico City 2007 CBM 120 [Marin,Mihail]*; 15.Bc2 Bxd3 16.Nf3 Bxc2 17.Qxc2 Qc7 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.g3 Bd6 21.Ng5 g6 22.Nf3 Rfe8 23.Kg2 c5*

24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Re1 Rxe1 26.Nxe1 Qc6+ 27.f3 c4 28.Qe2 Qd5 29.Qe8+ Kg7 Nguyen,M (1623)-Ruth,S (1953) Paks 2023 Steinitz/Blackburne [John Watson] 0-1 (52)*)* 15...Qg5 16.g3 Nh3+]

15.Nf3 Bf5N

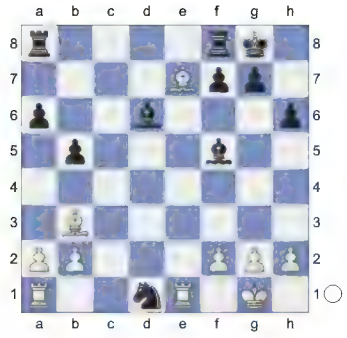
[15...Bg6 16.Bg5 Qd7 *(16...Nf6 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 h6 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rc5 Rd2 22.h4 Rxb2 23.Re1 Bc2 24.Bxc2 Rxc2 25.Rxc6 b4 26.Re4 bxc3 27.Rec4 Rxa2 28.Rxc3 Ra4 29.g3 Kg7 30.Rf3 Rg4 31.Rfxf6* Azarov,S (2556)-Pinter,J (2512) Izmir 2004 LesEchecs [LesEchecs.com] ½-½ (40) *)* 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 Rfe8 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Qd2 h6 21.Bf4 Rd8 22.Rd1 Bf5 23.Bg3 Bg4 24.f3 Be6 25.c4 bxc4 26.Bxc4 Ne3 27.Qxd7 Bxd7 28.Bc7 Nxd1 29.Bxd8 Be6 30.Bxa6 Byrne,R-Angantysson,H Reykjavik 33/(468) 1982 CI1-130 [INF 33/468; Revista da Sah 1960] (50)]

16.Bg5 White has an edge. **16...Qd7 17.Nd4** next Nxc6! is good for White. **17...h6** 1.22/21

[17...Rfe8= 0.03/19 remains equal.]

18.Nxc6!± Nxc3 1.76/23 **19.Ne7++- Qxe7 20.Bxe7 Nxd1**

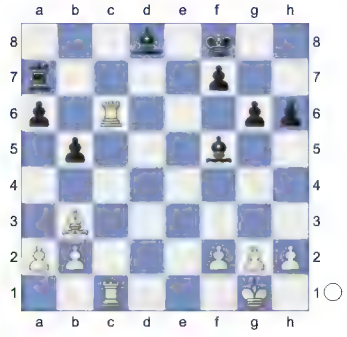
(Diagram)



21.Bxf8

[21.Raxd1 Bxe7 22.Rxe7 Rac8=]

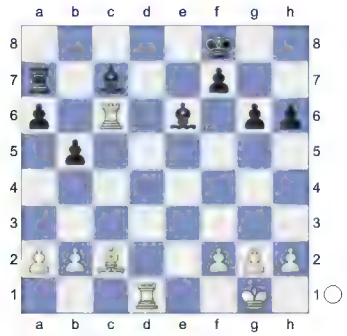
21...Kxf8 22.Raxd1 Be7 23.Rc1 Ra7 Prevents Rc7. **24.Rc6 g6 25.Rec1** Black must now prevent Rc7. **25...Bd8**



26.Rd1 Bc7 2.20/23

[⌓26...Bg5 1.66/20 27.h3 Kg7]

27.Bc2 Hoping for Bxf5. **27...Be6**



28.Bxg6! Bxa2 29.Bf5 Be5 30.Rd7

[30.Rxh6?! Bxb2 31.Rd8+ Ke7±]

30...Ra8

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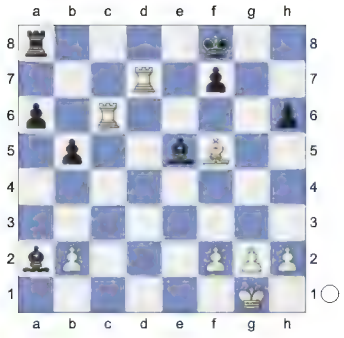
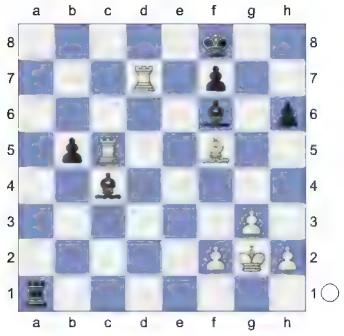
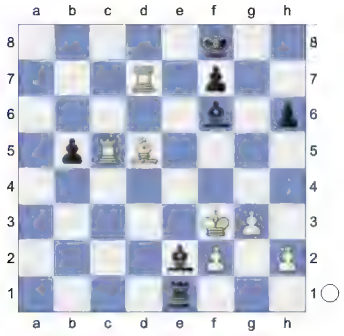


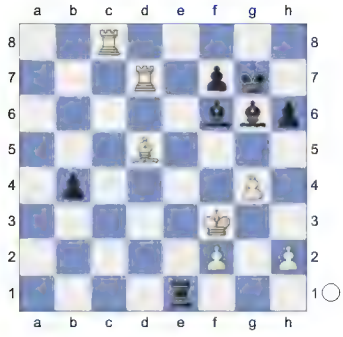
31.b4 Strongly threatening g3.
[31.Rxh6?! Bxb2 32.Rb6 Bc4+-]
31...a5 32.Rc5
[32.Rxh6?! a4±]
32...Bf6 33.bxa5
[Resist 33.Rxb5 axb4 34.g3 *(34.Rxb4 Be6±)* 34...Bc3+-]
33...Rxa5 34.g3 Bc4 35.Kg2 Ra1



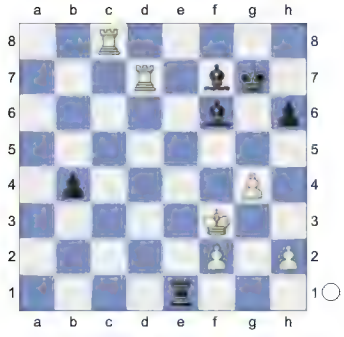
36.Be4 And now Bd5 would win.
36...Re1 37.Bd5 Bf1+ 38.Kf3 Be2+ 39.Kg2? -0.01/19 **Bf1+=** A strong pair of Bishops. **40.Kf3 Be2+**



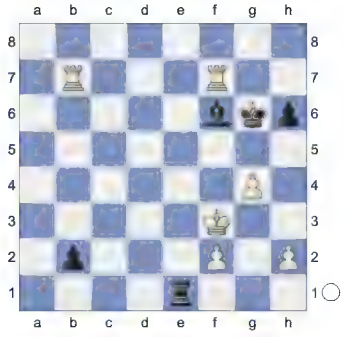
Black cannot hold the game after this.
41.Kf4+- 2.61/24 **Bh5**
[41...Bg5+ 42.Kf5 Bd3+ 43.Kg4]
42.g4
[But not 42.Rxb5?! Be5+ 43.Kf5 Bg6+ 44.Kg4 f5+ 45.Kh3 Be8+-]
42...Bg6 43.Kf3 b4 44.Rc8+ Kg7 5.00/22
[⌓44...Re8 3.55/23]



45.Bxf7!+- Bxf7

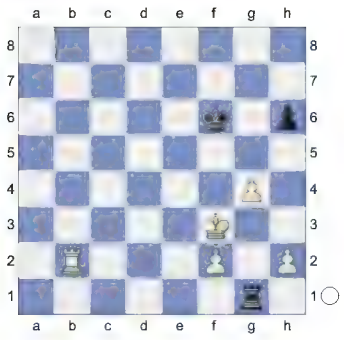


46.Rcc7 b3 47.Rxf7+ Endgame KRR-KRB **47...Kg6 48.Rb7 b2**

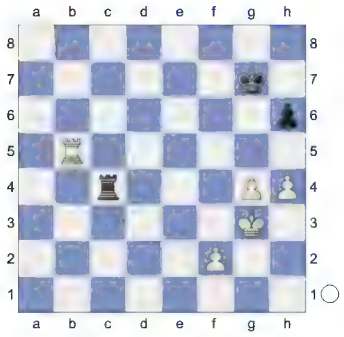


49.Rxf6+! Kxf6 50.Rxb2 KR-KR
50...Rg1 5.52/26
[50...h5 3.43/24 is a better defense. 51.Rb6+ Kf7 52.gxh5 Re5]

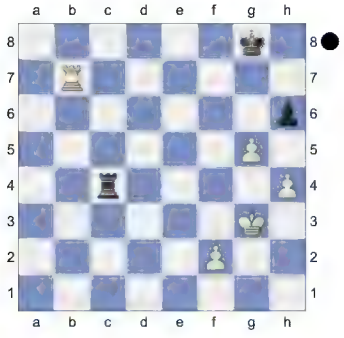
(Diagram)



51.Rb6+ White is clearly winning. **51...Kg7 52.Rb5 Rh1 53.Kg2 Ra1 54.h4 Ra4 55.Kg3** Threatens to win with Rb7+. **55...Rc4** 7.54/24
[⌓55...Ra7 4.61/25 56.f3 Kh7]



56.Rb7+ Kg8 57.g5



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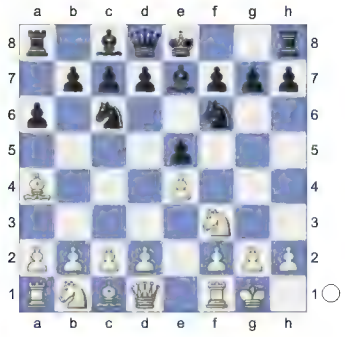
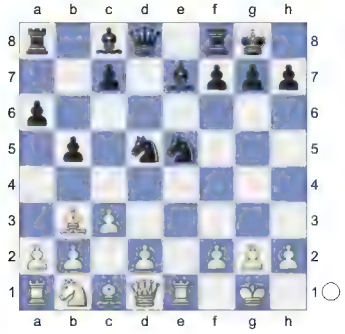
14 **C89**
□ **Ayush,Sharma** **2466**
■ **Doshi,Moksh Amitbhai** **2383**
Qatar Masters op-A (6) 09.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

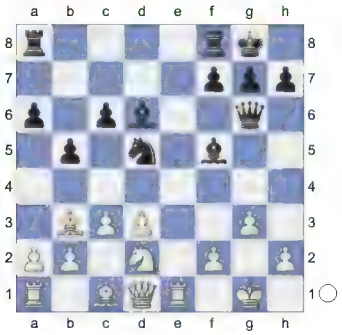


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 13...Bf5 scores better than 13...Qh4. 13...Lf5 punktet besser als 13...Dh4.
14.g3
[14.Qf3 Re8 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Nd2 Qe1+ 17.Nf1 Bg6 18.g3 b4 19.h4 h5 20.c4 Nf6 21.Bd1 Re8 22.Bd2 Qe5 23.Rc1 Bc5 24.a3 a5 25.axb4 axb4 26.Rc2 Ng4 27.Ne3 Qd6 28.Nxg4 hxg4 Ivanchuk,V (2720)-Svidler,P (2745) Reykjavik 2015 CBM 170 [Pavlovic,Milos] 0-1 (33)]

14...Qf6N
[14...Qd7 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Qf3 Rae8 17.Be3 Bxd3 18.Nd2 Qf5 19.Qxf5 Bxf5 20.Bd4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 f6 22.f3 Kf7 23.Nf1 Re8 24.Ne3 Be6 25.Rd1 Bc7 26.f4 f5 27.Kf2 g6 28.Nc2 a5 29.Bc5 Riechenberg,S (1655)-Seitz,M (1791) Willingen 2023 ½-½ (33)]
15.Nd2 Qg6

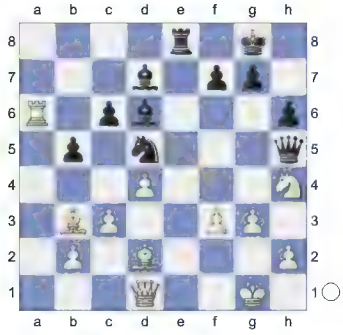


16.Nf3 White is slightly better. **16...Bg4**

17.Nh4! Qh5 18.f3 Bh3N
[18...Bd7 19.a4 Rae8 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ng2 Bc5+ 0.61/22 *(22...Be6= 0.11/21)* 23.d4 1-0 Malar,P (2070)-Pis,D (1930) SVK-chT2B 9394 1993 (5)]
19.a4 Rae8 0.55/19
[19...b4= 0.13/18]
20.axb5± axb5

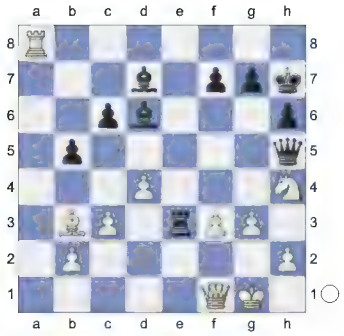
(Diagram)

21.Ra6↑ White has the initiative.
21...Bd7 22.Re4 -0.01/19
[22.d4± 0.33/19 might be stronger.]
22...Nf6 0.47/20
[22...b4= -0.01/19]
23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.d4 Nd5 25.Bd2 h6

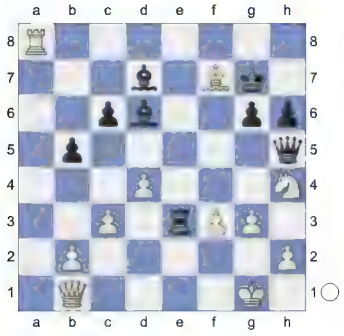


26.Qf1 0.17/22
[26.Ng2± 0.53/19]
26...Ne3 1.20/23
[26...Bf4= 0.17/22 keeps the balance. 27.Bxf4 *(27.gxf4 Qxh4 28.Bxd5 cxd5=)* 27...Nxf4]
27.Bxe3± Rxe3 28.Ra8+ 0.65/22
[28.Ra7± 1.04/23 Re7 29.Qd3]
28...Kh7? 6.85/21
[28...Re8± 0.65/22 29.Ra7 Be6 30.Bxe6 Rxe6]

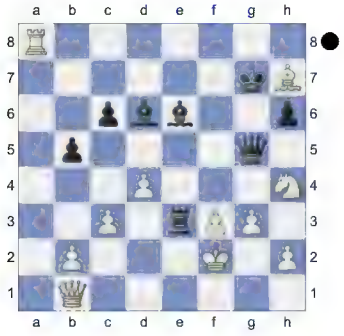
(Diagram)



Black cannot hold the game after this.
29.Qb1++- White is clearly winning.
29...g6 30.Bxf7 Kg7



31.Bxg6 Qg5 32.Bh7 Be6 8.73/22 Inhibits Rg8+.
[⌓32...Re8 4.52/23]
33.Kf2



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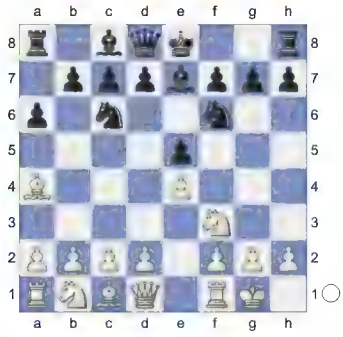
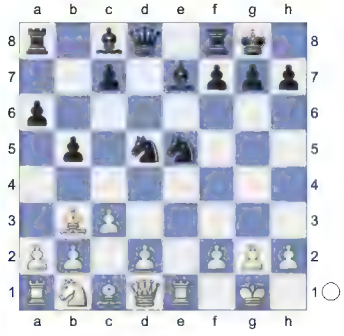
15 **C89**
□ **Ayush,Sharma** **2466**
■ **Moksh Amit Doshi** **2383**
Masters 2024 | Open A (6) 09.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



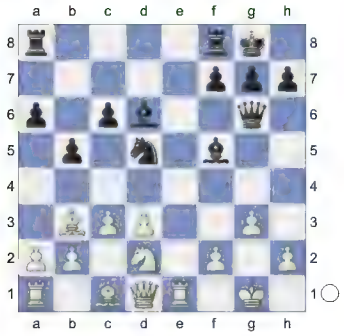
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



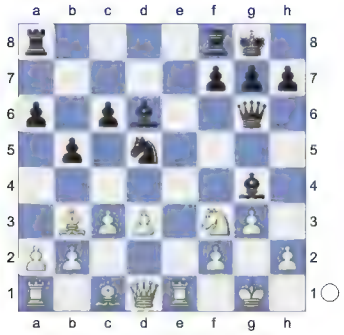
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.g3
[14.Qf3 keeps more tension. Qh4 *(14...Re8 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Nd2 Qe1+ 17.Nf1 Bg6 18.g3 b4 19.h4 h5 20.c4 Nf6 21.Bd1 Re8 22.Bd2 Qe5 23.Rc1 Bc5 24.a3 a5 25.axb4 axb4 26.Rc2 Ng4 27.Ne3 Qd6 28.Nxg4 hxg4 29.Qxg4* Ivanchuk,V (2720)-Svidler,P (2745) Reykjavik 2015 CBM 170 [Pavlovic,Milos] 0-1 (33) *)* 15.g3 Qh3 16.Be3]
14...Qf6N

[14...Qd7 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Qf3 Rae8 17.Be3 Bxd3 18.Nd2 Qf5 19.Qxf5 Bxf5 20.Bd4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 f6 22.f3 Kf7 23.Nf1 Re8 24.Ne3 Be6 25.Rd1 Bc7 26.f4 f5 27.Kf2 g6 28.Nc2 a5 29.Bc5 Riechenberg,S (1655)-Seitz,M (1791) Willingen 2023 ½-½ (33)]

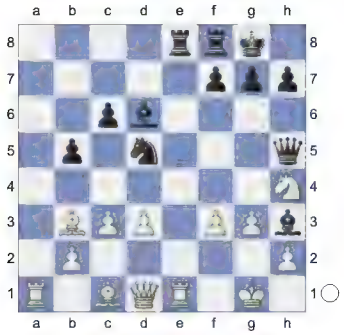
15.Nd2 Qg6



16.Nf3 White is slightly better. **16...Bg4**



Hoping for ...Qh5. **17.Nh4! Qh5 18.f3 Bh3 19.a4 Rae8 20.axb5 axb5**



21.Ra6 Bd7 22.Re4 0.01/18

[22.Rxe8± 0.40/22 Rxe8 23.d4]

22...Nf6 0.57/19

[22...b4= 0.01/18]

23.Rxe8± Rxe8 24.d4

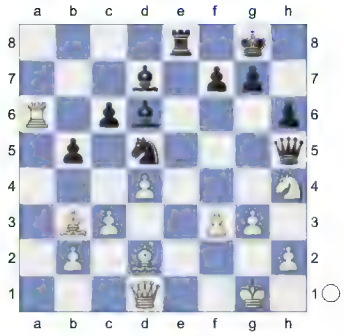
[24.Ng2 seems wilder. Bc8 25.Ra8 Nd5 26.d4]

24...Nd5 25.Bd2 0.24/19

[25.Ng2± 0.69/20 should be considered.]

25...h6 0.63/19

[25...Nc7!= 0.24/19 26.Ra7 Bh3]



26.Qf1 0.01/21

[26.Ng2!± 0.63/19]

26...Ne3 1.17/22

[26...Bf4!= 0.01/21 keeps the balance. 27.Bxf4 *(27.gxf4 Qxh4 28.Bxd5 cxd5=)* 27...Nxf4]

27.Bxe3± Rxe3 28.Ra8+ 0.69/22

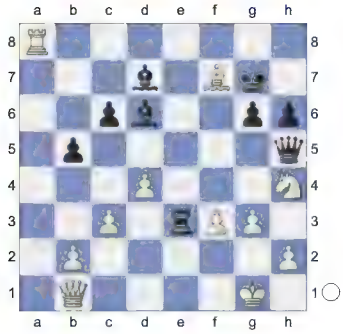
[28.Ra7± 1.17/23 Re7 29.Qd3]

28...Kh7? 6.53/22 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[28...Re8± 0.69/22 29.Ra7 Be6 30.Bxe6 Rxe6 31.Ra8+ Kh7]

29.Qb1++- White is clearly winning.

29...g6 30.Bxf7 Kg7



31.Bxg6 Qg5 32.Bh7

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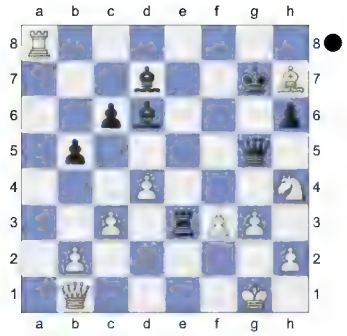
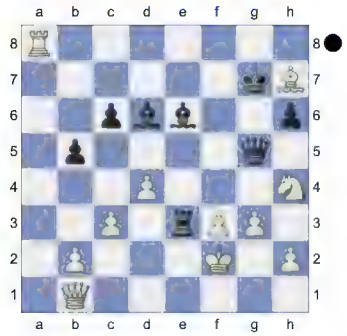


Rg8+ is the strong threat. **32...Be6** 9.92/26 Prevents Rg8+.
[⌓32...Re8 4.75/24]
33.Kf2



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16 **C89**
□ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2636**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2682**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.1) 06.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Be7 5.0-0 Nf6

(Diagram)

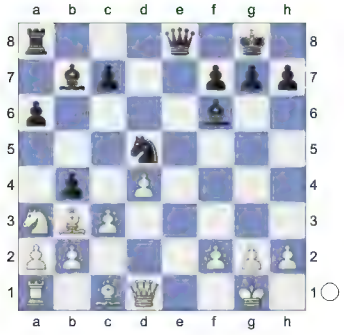
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Rxe8+
[14.Na3 b4 15.Nc4 bxc3 16.Na5 Bxd4 17.Nxb7 *(17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7* Ruy Lopez Marshall-11.Re5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 Survey 2011 Lexikon11 [Ftacnik] *)* 17...Qf6 18.Rf1 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxa1 22.Rxa1 Re5 23.Bf3 Rb8 24.a4 g5 25.h3 Rf5 26.Be4 Re5 27.Bf3 Rf5 28.Rb1 a5 Id7 (2455)-Fordham Hall,C (2335) Pancevo 1990 Telechess CBM 89 [Duda, Jan Krzysztof] ½-½ (39)]
14...Qxe8 White is slightly better.
15.Na3N
[15.Bc2 c5 16.dxc5 Rd8 17.Qf1 Qe5 18.Na3 Be7 19.Bd2 Nf6 20.Re1 Qc7 21.Qe2 Bxc5 22.Nb1

Re8 23.Qd1 Re5 24.Rxe5 Qxe5 25.c4 b4 26.b3 Bd6 27.g3 Bc5 28.Bf4 Qe6 29.Qd8+ Bf8 Lobejko,R-Matsukevich Deutschland 75/414 2003 ZUS C73 [John Watson] 0-1 (42)]

[15.Qf1 a5 16.Na3 b4 17.Nb5 Ba6 18.Bxd5 Bxb5 19.c4 Rd8 20.cxb5 Rxd5 21.Be3 Qxb5 22.Qxb5 Rxb5 23.Rc1 Bd8 24.Kf1 Kf8 25.Ke2 Ke8 26.Rc6 12.♔b1 ♘e5 13.♕e2-Azevedo, J Soviet Union 200 Traps In The Opening [Richardson, Chess Post 1/2000]]

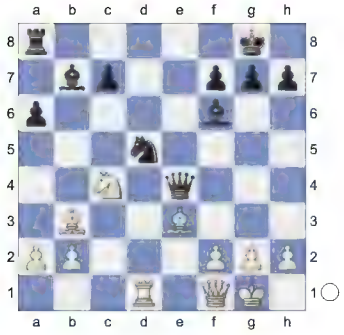
15...b4



16.cxb4 Nxb4 17.Nc4 -0.22/21

[17.Bd2 0.17/21 might be stronger. Nd3 18.Qf1 Nxb2 19.Re1]

17...Bxd4 18.Be3 Qe4 19.Qf1 Bf6 20.Rd1 Nd5



21.Bc1 Hoping for Na5. **21...Re8 22.Ne3 Nb6 23.Bc2 Qc6 24.Bd3 Qa4 25.a3 h5**

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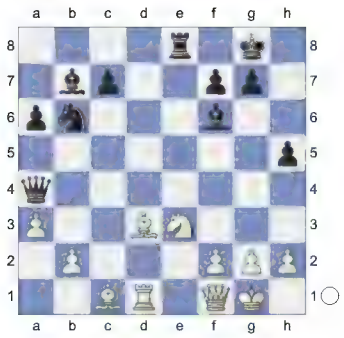
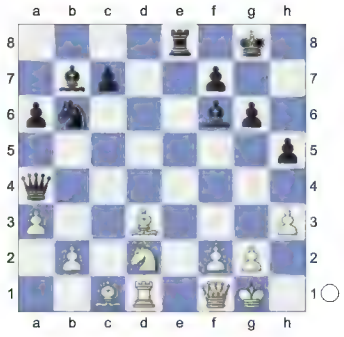


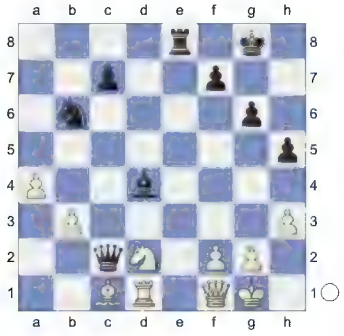
26.Nc4 Bd5 27.Ne3 Bb7 28.h3 g6 29.Nc4 Bc8 30.Nd2 Bb7



31.b3 Qc6 32.a4 Qc3 33.Bxa6 Bxa6 34.Qxa6 Bd4 35.Qf1 0.19/20

[35.Nf3± 0.77/21 Bxf2+ 36.Kxf2 Qc2+ 37.Rd2 Qxc1 38.Qb5]

35...Qc2=



36.a5 And now Nf3 would win. **36...Nd5** ...Bxf2+! is the strong threat.

[36...Bxf2+ seems wilder. 37.Kxf2 Nd5 38.Re1 Qc5+]

37.Re1 Rxe1 38.Qxe1 Bc3 39.a6

[Of course not 39.Qe8+ Kg7 40.Qe1 Nb4∓]

39...Qa2 40.Qe8+ Kg7

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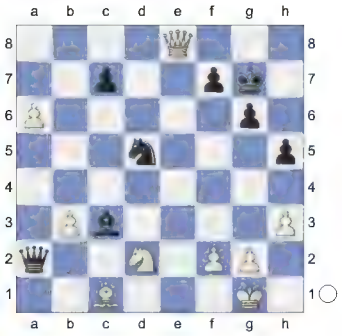
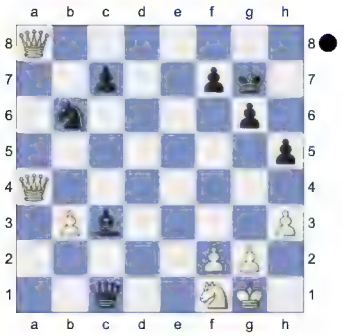
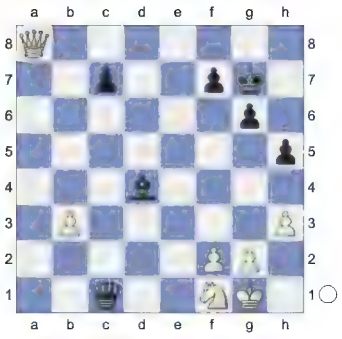


41.Qa4 -0.60/24 **Qc2∓ 42.a7** -1.21/24 **Qxc1+∓ 43.Nf1 Nb6** -1.29/23
[⌓43...Qb2 -0.91/25 44.a8Q Nb6]
44.a8Q

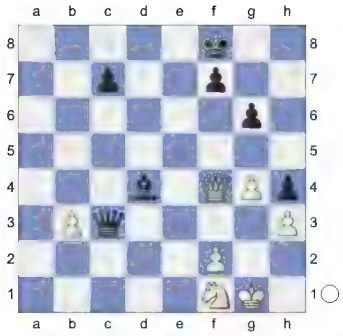


Threatens to win with Qa3. **44...Nxa8** -0.44/19
[Black should play 44...Qb2!∓ -0.93/23 45.Qd8 Nxa4 46.bxa4 Bd4]
45.Qxa8∓ Bd4

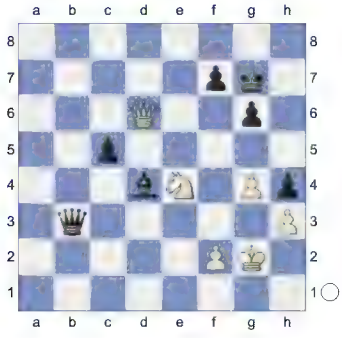


46.Qf3 Qc2 47.g4 The position is equal. **47...h4 48.Kg2 Kf8 49.Qf4 Qc6+ 50.Kg1 Qc3**

(Diagram)



51.Kg2 c5 52.Nd2 Qc2 53.Ne4 Qxb3 Strongly threatening ...Qd5. **54.Qd6+ Kg7**



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½-½

17 **C89**
□ **Kong,Xiangrui** **2457**
■ **Li Chao2** **2635**
TCh-CHN DivA Finals 2024 (3.1) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack RR: 'Inf 70/(333)' Adla,D: '49/402 ' Adla, D: 'Inf 49/402' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

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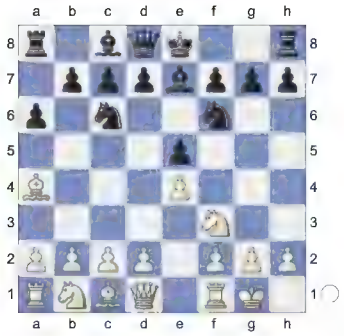
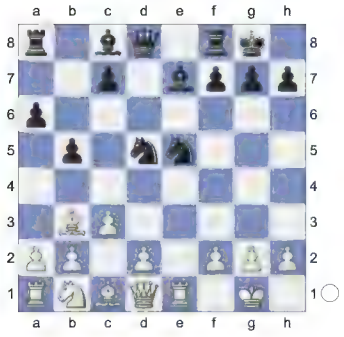


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



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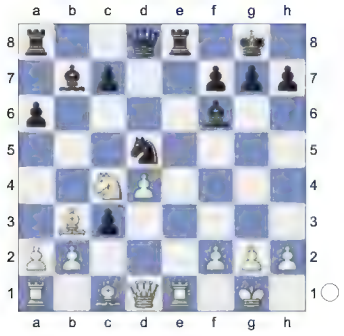
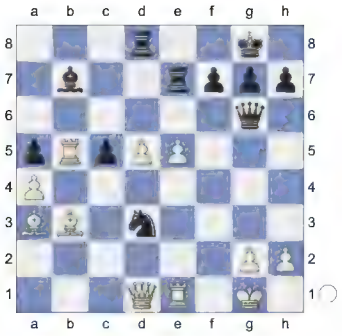


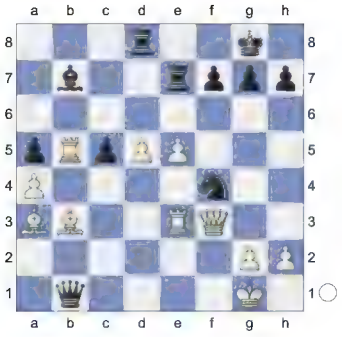
Strongly threatening ...Bxd4! **16.Ne5N**
[16.Na5
A) 16...Bxd4 17.Rxe8+ *(17.Nxb7 Qf6 18.Rf1 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxa1 22.Rxa1 Re5 23.Bf3 Rb8 24.a4 g5 25.h3 Rf5 26.Be4 Re5 27.Bf3 Rf5 28.Rb1 a5 29.Rb3 Rf4 30.Rb5 h6 31.Nxa5 Re8* Servat,R (2455)-Adla,D (2335) Buenos Aires 1990 CI1-130 [Adla, Diego Gustavo] ½-½ (39) *)*
17...Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7 Qf6 29.Qc4 Re1 30.Nc5 Qa1 31.Qf4 Hansen,C (2605)-Hector,J (2500) Malmö 1997 CBM 060 [Blatny,Pavel] 1-0 (41);
B) 16...Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Qe8 18.Qf1 Bc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.bxc3 c5 22.Be3 cxd4 23.cxd4 a5 24.a4 Rb8 25.Rc1 h6 26.h3 Rb4 27.Rc8+ Kh7 28.Qd3+ g6 29.Rc5 Qd6 30.Rxa5 Bxd4 Schloegel,M-Mackintosh,I ICCF Postal 2003 ½-½ (34)]
16...Qd6 17.f4
[17.Qh5 g6 18.Qe2 Bg7 19.bxc3 f6±]
17...cxb2 18.Bxb2 a5 19.a4 Re7 0.44/19
[19...Qb6= -0.01/17 feels stronger.]
20.Ba3!± Nb4

21.Rc1 Rd8 22.Rc5 Bxe5 23.fxe5 Qg6 24.d5 0.01/19
[24.Qe2± 0.37/21 was preferrable.]
24...Nd3= 25.Rb5! c5? 2.36/19
[25...Nxe1∓ -0.72/19 stays on course. 26.Qxe1 Re6]

(Diagram)

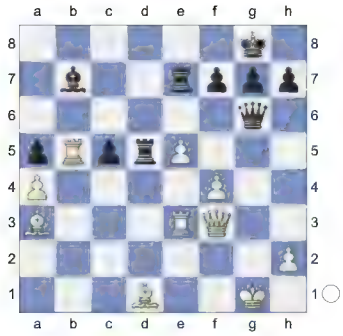


26.Re3!+-
[26.Bxc5 Nxc5 27.Bc2 *(27.Rxc5? Qb6-+)* 27...Qh6 28.Rxc5 Qb6-+]
26...Nf4 27.Qf3
[27.Rg3 Qe4 28.Bxc5 Ne2+ 29.Kh1 Nxg3+ 30.hxg3 Red7∓]
27...Qb1+
[27...Nxd5? 28.Bxd5 Bxd5 29.Qxd5!!+-]

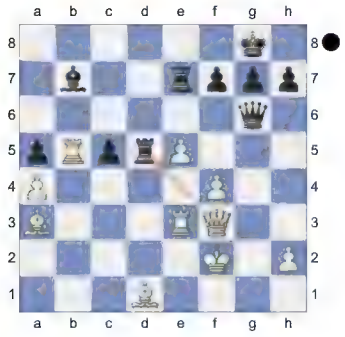


28.Bd1? 0.01/24
[28.Kf2!+- 2.15/20 g5 29.Qg4 *(29.Bxc5 Red7±)*]
28...Qf5
[28...Qa1!? 29.Bb2 *(29.Qxf4 Qxd1+ 30.Qf1 Qxf1+ 31.Kxf1 Ba6∓; 29.Bxc5 Rxd5 30.Re1 g5∓)* 29...Qb1=]
29.g3
[Don't play 29.Rxc5 Rxe5 30.Rxe5 Qxe5∓]
29...Rxd5 30.gxf4
[30.Rxb7!? Rxb7 31.gxf4±]
30...Qg6+

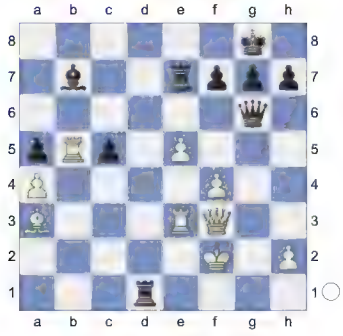
(Diagram)



31.Kf2



Hoping for Qxd5! **31...Rxd1!**



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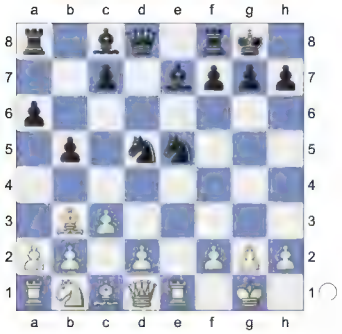
18 **C89**
□ **Kong,Xiangrui** **2457**
■ **Li,Chao** **2635**
TCh-CHN DivA Finals 2024 (3.1) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
RR: 'Inf 70/(333)' Adla,D: '49/402 ' Adla,

D: 'Inf 49/402' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Na3 14.Bd2 is vanishing. 14.Ld2 scheint zu verschwinden.14.Bd2 is v a n i s h i n g .14.Ld2 scheint zu verschwinden. **14...b4** White is slightly better. White has an edge. **15.Nc4** Threatens to win with Na5. And now Na5 would win. 15.cxb4 deserves study. 15. c x b 4 v e r d i e n t B e a c h t u n g . 1 5 . c x b 4 d e s e r v e s s t u d y . 15.cxb4 verdient Beachtung. **15...bxc3**

Strongly threatening ...Bxd4! Threatens to win with ...Bxd4! **16.Ne5N**

[16.Na5

A) 16...Bxd4 17.Rxe8+ *(17.Nxb7 Qf6 18.Rf1 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxa1 22.Rxa1 Re5 23.Bf3 Rb8 24.a4 g5 25.h3 Rf5 26.Be4 Re5 27.Bf3 Rf5 28.Rb1 a5 29.Rb3 Rf4 30.Rb5 h6 31.Nxa5 Re8* Servat,R (2455)-Adla,D (2335) Buenos Aires 1990 CI1-130 [Adla, Diego Gustavo] ½-½ (39) *)* 17...Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7 Qf6 29.Qc4 Re1 30.Nc5 Qa1 31.Qf4 Hansen,C (2605)-Hector,J (2500) Malmö 1997 CBM 060 [Blatny,Pavel] 1-0 (41);

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16...Qd6 17.f4 -0.01/18

[17.Qh5 g6 18.Qe2 Bg7 19.bxc3 f6±]

[17.bxc3± 0.38/20 is more appropriate. Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rxe5 19.Bd2]

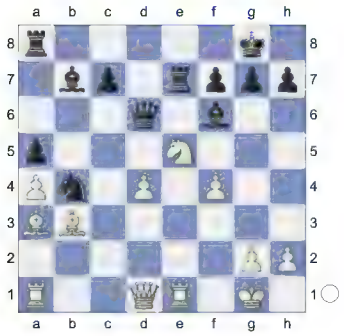
17...cxb2= 18.Bxb2 a5 19.a4N

[19.Rb1 a4 20.Bc4 Bxe5 21.fxe5 Qc6 22.Bf1 Ba6 23.Qf3 Bxf1 24.Rxf1 Qe6 25.Ba3 1-0 Panitevsky,I-Larsson,M (2290) BL-LSS email 2013 1-0 (67) Panitevsky,I-Larsson,M (2290) BL-LSS email 2013]

19...Re7 0.44/19

[19...Qb6= -0.01/17 feels stronger.]

20.Ba3!± Nb4



21.Rc1 Rd8 22.Rc5 Bxe5 23.fxe5 Qg6

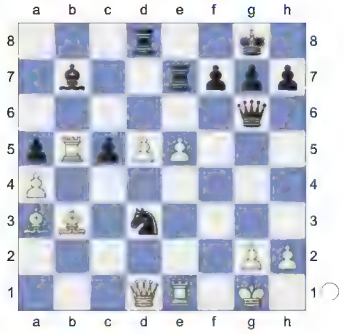
[23...Qxc5 24.dxc5 Rxd1 25.Rxd1±]

24.d5 0.01/19 Bxb4 is the strong threat.

[24.Qe2± 0.37/21 was preferrable.]

24...Nd3= 25.Rb5! c5? 2.36/19

[25...Nxe1∓ -0.72/19 stays on course. 26.Qxe1 Re6]



26.Re3!+-

[26.Bxc5 Nxc5 27.Bc2 *(27.Rxc5? Qb6-+)* 27...Qh6 28.Rxc5 Qb6-+ 29.Bxh7+ *(29.Qd4? Rc7-+)* 29...Kxh7 30.Qc2+ Qg6-+]

26...Nf4 27.Qf3

[27.Rg3 Qe4 28.Bxc5 Ne2+ 29.Kh1 Nxg3+ 30.hxg3 Red7∓]

27...Qb1+

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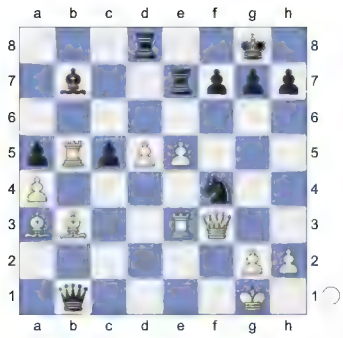


28.Bd1?⇄ 0.01/24 White is not keeping still

[28.Kf2!+- 2.15/20 g5 29.Qg4 *(29.Bxc5 Red7±)*]

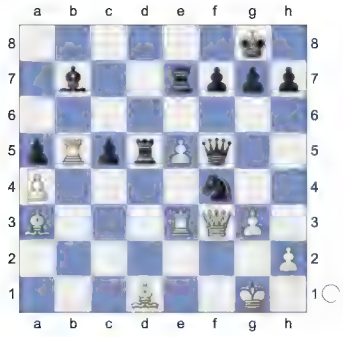
28...Qf5 0.35/23

[28...Qa1!?= -0.01/25 29.Bb2 *(29.Qxf4 Qxd1+ 30.Qf1 Qxf1+ 31.Kxf1 Ba6∓; 29.Bxc5 Rxd5 30.Re1 g5∓)* 29...Qb1=]

29.g3±

[Don't play Of course not 29.Rxc5 Rxe5 30.Rxe5 Qxe5∓]

29...Rxd5



30.gxf4 -0.01/22

[White should play 30.Rxb7!?± 0.59/24 Rxb7 31.gxf4±]

30...Qg6+=

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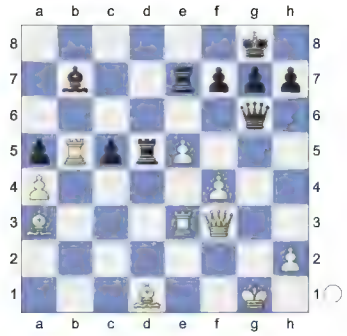

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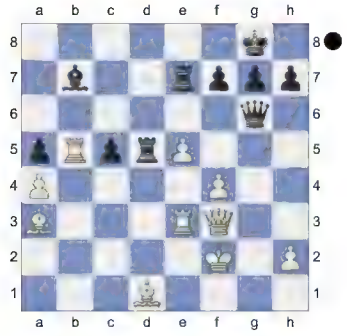
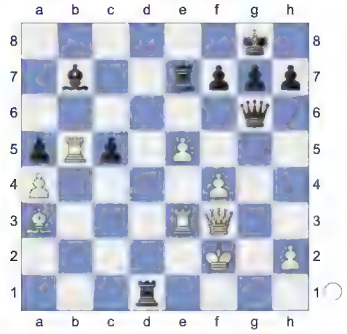


Hoping for Qxd5! **31...Rxd1!**



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½-½

19 **C89**
□ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2750**
■ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**
Region Group Cup 2024 (6.4) 30.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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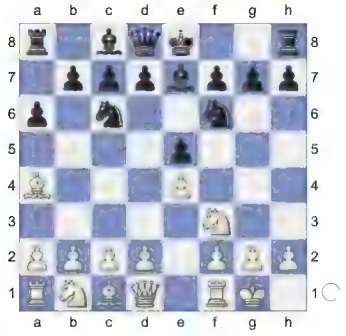

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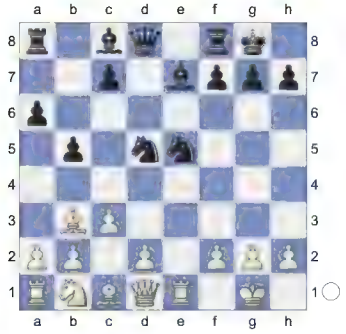

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5!
13...Bf5 is better than 13...Qh4. 13...Lf5 ist besser als 13...Dh4. **14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3**
[Don't play 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

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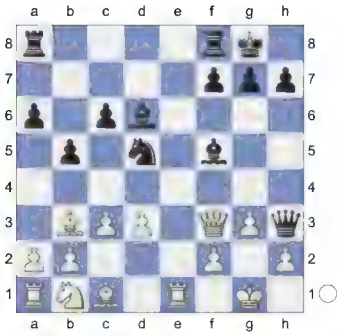
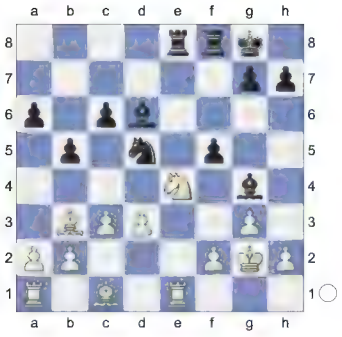
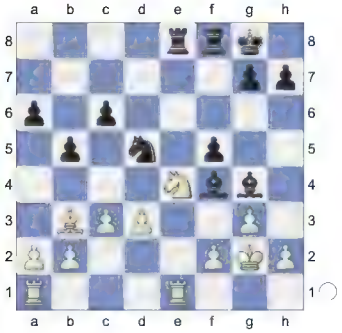


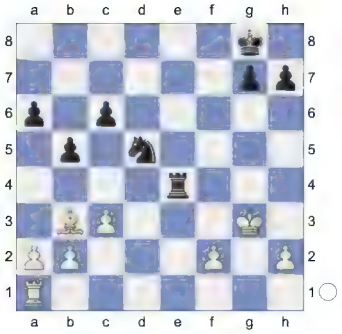
16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5



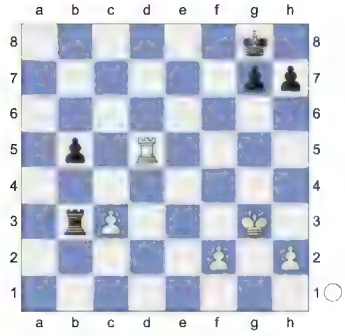
20.Bf4! Bxf4



21.gxf4 Threatens to win with Ng3. **21...fxe4 22.dxe4** Pin **22...Bf3+! 23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4=**



Endgame KRB-KRN **26.a4** Threatening axb5. **26...Re2!** The position is equal. **27.Bxd5+ cxd5 28.axb5 axb5 29.Rd1 Rxb2 30.Rxd5 Rb3**



31.f3N

[31.Kg4 Rxc3 32.Rxb5 Rc4+ 33.Kg3 Rc3+ 34.Kg2 Rc8 35.f3 Rf8 36.Kg3 h6 37.Ra5 ½-½ Nakamura,H (2768)-Carlsen,M (2859) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (4.210) Kh7 38.Rb5 Rf6 39.Ra5 Rg6+ 40.Kf2 Rf6 41.Kg2 Kg6 42.Kg3 Rf5 43.Ra6+ Rf6 44.Ra5 Rf5 45.Ra6+ Rf6 46.Ra5 ½-½ (46) Osnos,V (2768)-Molina,R (2859) Moscow 2022 CBM 72 ext [John Watson]]

31...Rxc3 32.Rxb5

An interesting draw.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

½-½

20 **C89**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2799**
■ **Narayanan,Sunilduth Lyna** **2647**
Tata Steel India Rapid (3.4) 13.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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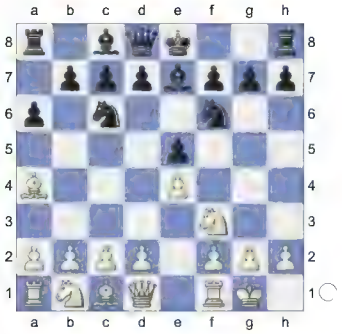
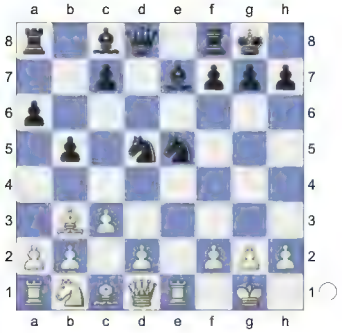
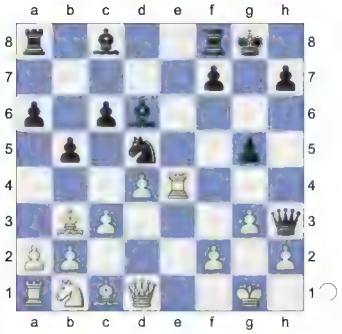


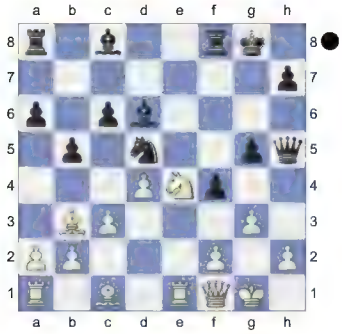
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



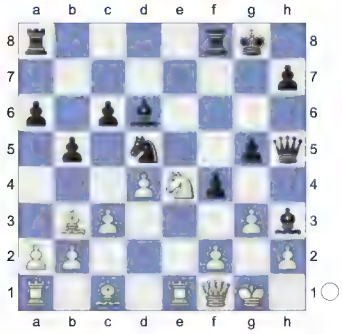
11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d4 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5



16.Qf1
[16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Re1 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5∓]
16...Qh5 17.Nd2 f5 0.76/18
[17...Bf5= 0.20/19]
18.Re1!± White is better.now scores much better than the old 18.Bd1. punktet besser als das ältere 18.Ld1.
18...f4 19.Ne4 -0.01/19
[19.Bd1± 0.74/21 f3 20.Nxf3 Rxf3 21.Bxf3 Qxf3 22.Bxg5]



19...Bh3 0.82/19



20.Qd3 -0.29/21
[20.Qe2 Bg4 21.Qd2 Bf3∓]
[20.Bd1!± 0.82/19 f3 *(20...g4 21.Qd3)* 21.Qd3 Rae8 22.Bd2 Rxe4 23.Qxe4 Bxg3 24.Bxf3 Bxh2+ 25.Kxh2 Bg4+ 26.Kg1 Bxf3 27.Qe6+ Kg7 28.Qe5+ Rf6 29.Qh2 Rh6 0-1 (29) 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 (2703)-Woerdemann,M (2739) USSR 29/403 2009 200 Traps In The Opening [Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S]]
20...Rae8=

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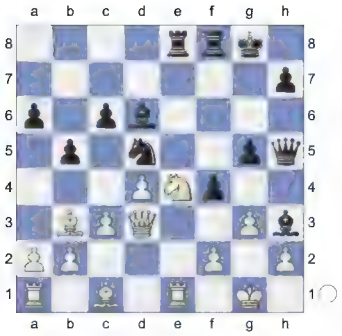

Black has compensation. **21.Bd2N** -1.35/20

[21.a4∓ -0.35/20]

[21.Bxf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4 gxf4 23.Kh1 Kh8 24.Rg1 f3 25.Bxd5 Bg2+ 26.Rxg2 fxg2+ 27.Kxg2 cxd5 28.Ng3 Rxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 30.Kf3 Rg8 31.Kf4 Qh4+ 32.Ke5 Qe7+ 33.Kf5 Qf7+ 34.Ke5 Re8+ 35.Kd6 Re6+ Manon,R (2423)-Mammadova,G (2359) Dubai 2024 Mega2024 Update 31 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (35)]

21...Bf5∓ 22.Bd1? -3.05/23

[22.Bc2!∓ -0.45/20]

22...g4N

[22...Qg6 23.g4? -4.84/21 *(23.Bc2* -2.35/21 was forced. *Ne3 24.Bxe3 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Rxe4 26.f3 fxe3 27.Bxe4)* 23...Bxe4-+ 24.Qf1 f3 White must now prevent ...Qh6. 25.Qh3 Against Qh6 Nf4 26.Bxf4 Bxf4 27.Bb3+ Kg7 0-1 Diniz,P-Rodrigo da Silva,E (1962) Sao Bernardo LXSBC 2nd 2007 (2)]

23.Bc2 Qg6 24.c4 bxc4 25.Qxc4 Rxe4

[25...Bxe4 26.Rxe4 fxg3 27.hxg3! Bxg3 28.Rf4! *(28.fxg3 Rxe4 29.Bxe4 Qxe4=)* 28...Bh2+ 29.Kxh2=]

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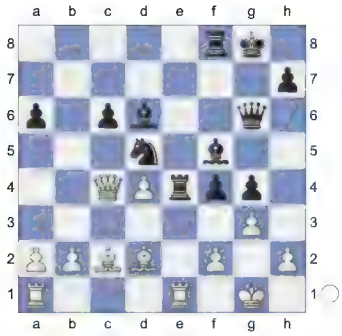
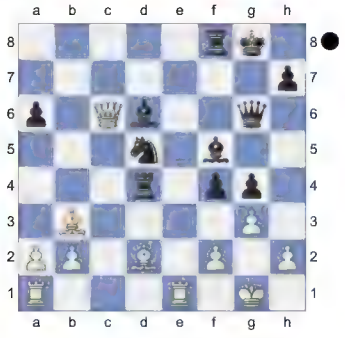


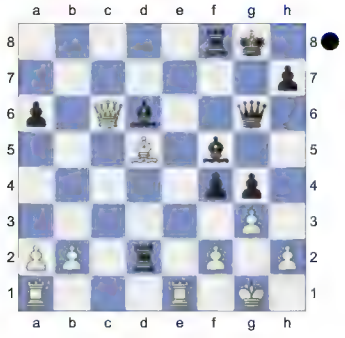
26.Qxc6 Rxd4 27.Bb3



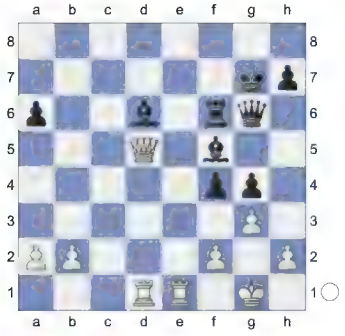
Rxd2 -0.67/21

[27...Rc8!-+ -1.80/22 28.Bxd5+ Kf8 29.Qxa6 Rxd5]

28.Bxd5+∓

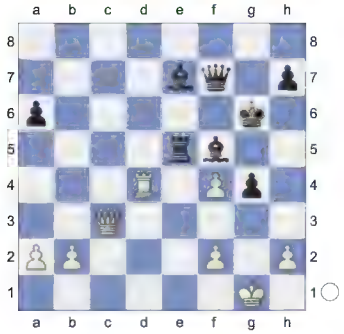


Rxd5! 29.Qxd5+ Kg7 30.Rad1 Rf6

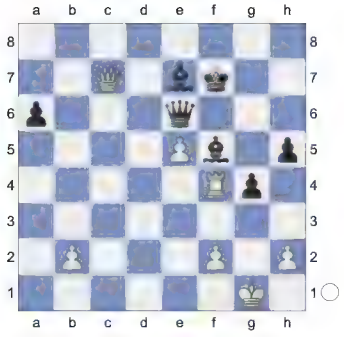


31.Qc4 -1.08/21

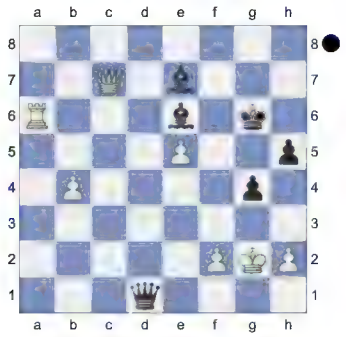
[31.Qc6!∓ -0.54/20]
31...Qf7∓ 32.Qc3 Kg6↑ Black has strong initiative. **33.Rd4 Re6** -0.28/22
[33...f3∓ -1.39/18 34.Rc4 Qd5]
34.gxf4 -0.59/22
[34.Rxe6+= -0.28/22 feels stronger. Qxe6 35.gxf4]
34...Be7 -0.23/22
[34...Rf6∓ -0.59/22 is superior.]
35.Re5 -1.62/19
[35.Rxe6+= -0.23/22 and White has nothing to worry. Qxe6 36.Qc4]
35...Rxe5!-+



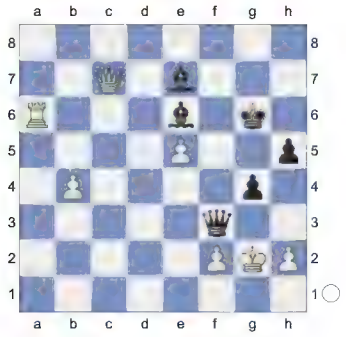
Discovered Attack **36.fxe5 Qxa2 37.Qc6+ Kg7 38.Qb7 Qe6 39.Qc7 Kf7 40.Rf4 h5**
[40...Kg6 41.Rd4]



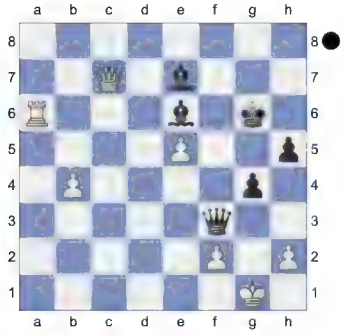
41.b4 -2.93/21
[⌓41.Qc3 -1.93/21]
41...Kg6? -0.01/22
[41...h4-+ -2.93/21 ...h3 is the strong threat. 42.Qb8 Bg5]
42.Rc4!= Strongly threatening Rc6.
42...Qd5 43.Rc6+? -3.29/25
[43.Qxe7= -0.01/22 Qd1+ 44.Kg2 Qf3+ 45.Kg1 Qd1+ 46.Kg2 Qf3+ 47.Kg1 Qd1+]
43...Be6-+ This bishop pair is nice.
44.Rxa6 Qd1+ 45.Kg2



Qf3+? -1.38/23
[Avoid the trap 45...Kf7? 46.Rxe6 Qd5+ 47.Kg1 Kxe6 48.h3-+]
[45...Kf5!-+ -4.08/24 has better winning chances. 46.Rxe6 *(46.Qxe7? Bd5+ 47.Kg3 Qg1+ 48.Kh4 Qxh2#)* 46...Qd5+ 47.Kg1 Qd1+ 48.Kg2 Qd5+ 49.Kg1 Kxe6]



46.Kg1∓



Qd1+ -0.01/5

[Better is 46...Kf5!∓ -1.26/25 47.Qc2+ *(47.Qxe7 is a self mate. Qd1+ 48.Kg2 Bd5+ 49.Kg3 Qg1+ 50.Kh4 Qxh2#)* 47...Kxe5 48.Qb2+ Kf5 49.Qb1+ Kf6]

47.Kg2= The board is on fire. **47...Kf7** (-> ...Bd5+) **48.Rxe6-+** Endgame KQR-KQB **48...Qf3+**

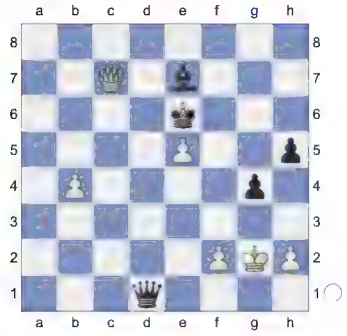
[And not 48...Kxe6 49.Qc8+ Kxe5 50.Qh8+ Ke6 51.Qxh5∓]

49.Kg1 Qd1+? -0.01/5

[Black should try 49...Kxe6-+ -2.91/26 50.Qc8+ Kf7 51.e6+ Kg7]

50.Kg2= Kxe6 -1.41/23

[50...Qd5+-+ -3.52/25 51.Kg1 Kxe6 52.Qc8+ Kxe5]



51.Qc8+∓ Kxe5 52.Qh8+ Ke4 0.01/24

[Black should play 52...Ke6∓ -1.34/22 Threatens to win with ...Qf3+. 53.Qxh5 Qf3+ 54.Kg1 Bd6 55.Qe8+ Kd5 56.Qa8+ Ke6 57.Qe8+ Kf6 58.Qd8+ Be7 59.Qh8+ Ke6 60.Qc8+ Ke5 61.Qb8+ Kf5 62.Qc8+ Kg5 63.Qg8+ Kf6 64.Qh8+ Ke6 65.Qc8+ Kf6 66.Qh8+]

53.Qh7+= The position is equal.

53...Kd4 54.Qxe7 Intending Qd6+ and mate. KQ-KQ **54...Qf3+ 55.Kf1 Qh1+**

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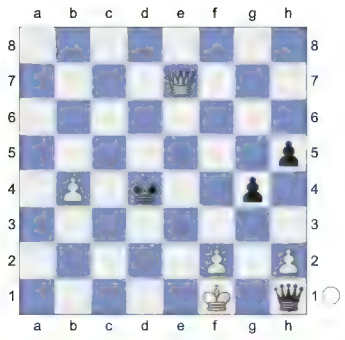
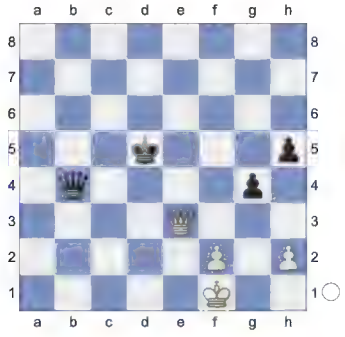


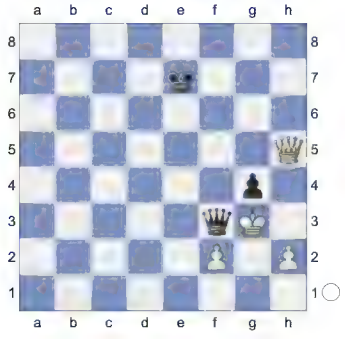
56.Ke2 Qf3+ 57.Ke1 Qc3+ 58.Kf1 Qc4+ 59.Qe2 Hoping for Qxc4+.

[59.Kg2 is more complex. Qc6+ 60.Kg1 Qc1+ 61.Kg2]

59...Qxb4 60.Qe3+ Kd5



61.Qg5+ Ke6 62.Qg6+ Ke7 63.Qxh5 aiming for Qf5. **63...Qb1+ 64.Kg2 Qe4+ 65.Kg3** And now Qg5+ would win. **65...Qf3+!**



66.Kh4 Qxf2+ 67.Kxg4 Qe2+

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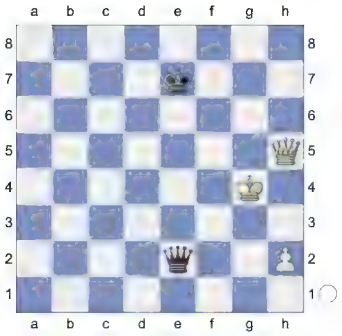
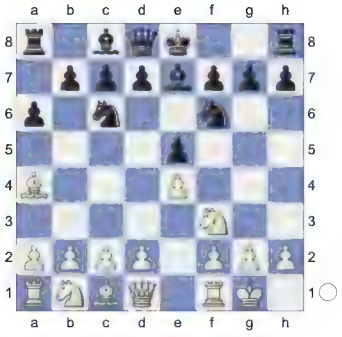


And White is the lucky defender.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.57
½-½

21 **C89**
□ **Roebers,Eline** **2331**
■ **Muzychuk,Mariya** **2505**
Hoogeveen 2024 | Crown group (4)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack 42/427 Nunn,John DM: 'Nunn,J: '42/427 " Nunn,John DM: 'Nunn,J: 'Inf 42/427" Matanovic,A: 'Inf 31/396' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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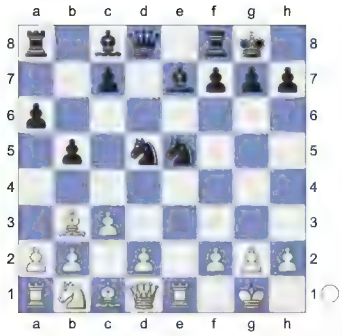
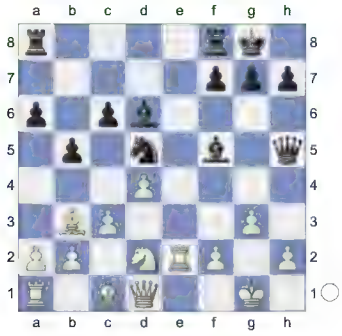


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re2 Qh4 14.g3 Qh5 15.Nd2 Bf5
[15...Bh3 16.f3 Bc7 17.a4 b4 18.c4 Nf6 19.Ne4 Qg6 *(19...Qxf3 20.Ng5 Qh5 21.Nxh3 Qxh3 22.Bg5 Ng4 23.Qf1 Qh5 24.Bf4 Bxf4 25.Qxf4 Rae8 26.Rae1 c5* C 89/16) 20.Nf2 Bf5 21.Bc2 Rfe8 22.Bxf5 Qxf5 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Kg2 Rd8 25.Be3 Bb6 26.Qb3 Bxd4 27.Rd1 c5 28.Bxd4 cxd4 29.Qxb4 Qd7 30.Qb6 Short,N (2615)-Nunn,J (2590) Bruxelles 1986 Inf 42 [Nunn,J] 0-1 (39)]



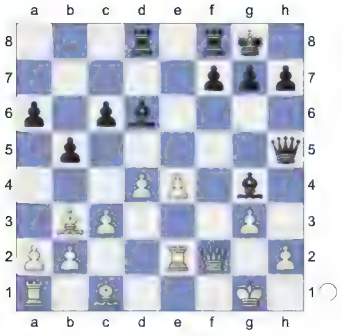
16.f3N 0.03/19
[16.Re1± 0.52/20 Qxd1 *(16...Qg6 17.Nf3 Bg4 18.Nh4 Qh5 19.f3 Bh3 20.Ng2 Rae8 21.Re4 g5 22.Bd2 Re6 23.Qe2 Rh6 24.Ne3 Nxe3 25.Qxe3 Bf4 26.Qf2 Bxd2 27.g4 Qh4 28.Qxd2 Rf6 29.Qe3 h5 30.Re5 Rf4 31.gxh5* Sax,G (2560)-Pinter,J (2550) Budapest 1981 The Total Marshall [Matanovic, Informator]

½-½ (66) Bf5 32.Kh1 Qxh5 33.Rg1 Kh8 34.Rg3 f6 35.Re7 Rh4 36.Qf2 Re8 37.Rxe8+ Qxe8 38.Rg1 Qh5 39.Re1 Rf4 40.Bd1 Rh4 41.Qg3 Rf4 ½-½ (41) Sax,G-Pinter,J Magyarorszag (ch) 31/396 1981 Cl1-130 [Matanovic,Aleksandar]) 17.Rxd1]

16...Rae8 17.Qe1 Rd8 0.58/20

[17...Bd7= 0.07/19]

18.Qf2± Nf6 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.fxe4 Bg4



21.Re1 c5 1.05/19

[21...a5± 0.70/17]

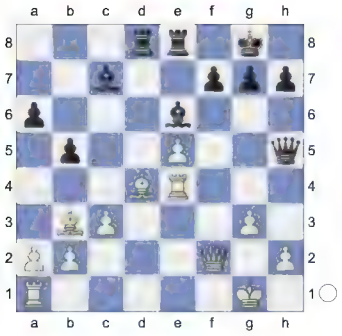
22.Be3 0.59/19

[22.e5± 1.05/19 c4 23.Bc2 *(23.exd6 cxb3 24.axb3 Rxd6±)*]

22...cxd4 23.Bxd4 Rfe8 0.78/21

[23...Be5± 0.42/17]

24.e5 Bc7 25.Re4 Be6

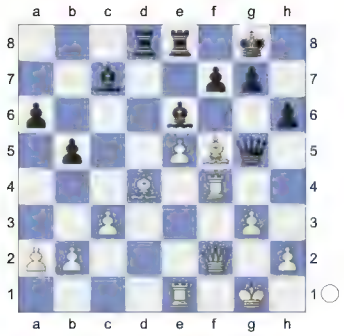


26.Bc2 aiming for Rh4. **26...h6 27.Rae1 Bd5** 0.92/20

[27...Qg5± 0.60/17]

28.Rf4± Qg5 29.Bf5 Be6 1.28/19

[⌓29...h5 0.89/19]

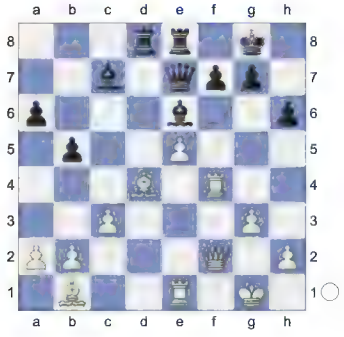


30.Bb1 0.51/17

[30.h4!± 1.28/19 Qe7 31.Bb1]

30...Qe7 1.26/18

[30...Bh3!± 0.51/17]



31.h4 Qd7 1.83/20

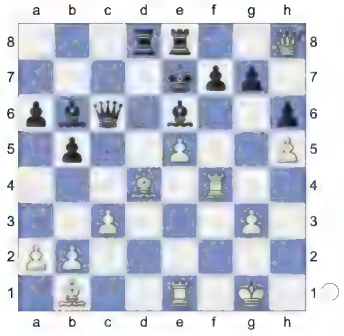
[31...b4± 1.11/16]

32.h5+- Qc2 is the strong threat.

32...Qc6? 3.73/21

[32...Qe7 1.97/20 is a better defense.]

33.Qc2 Bb6 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Qh8+ Ke7

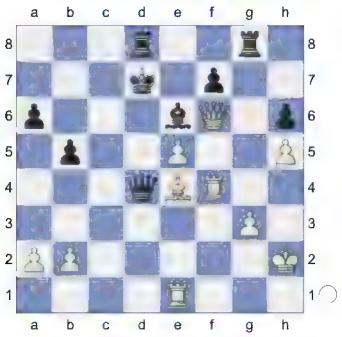


36.Qxg7 Bxd4+ 37.cxd4 Dancing on a razor blade.

[But not 37.Rxd4 Rxd4 38.Qf6+ *(38.cxd4 Rd8+-)* 38...Kd7 39.cxd4 Rg8+-]

37...Rg8 38.Qf6+ Kd7 39.Rf3 1.88/19

[⌓39.Be4 3.90/19 Qb6 40.Kh2 Qxd4

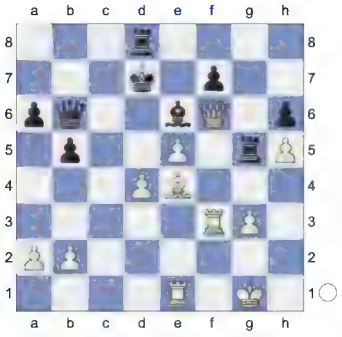


41.Bc6+! Kxc6 42.Rxd4 Rxd4 43.Qxh6]

39...Rg5? 4.65/23

[39...Qd5 1.88/19]

40.Be4 Qb6



41.Kg2 Black must now prevent d5.

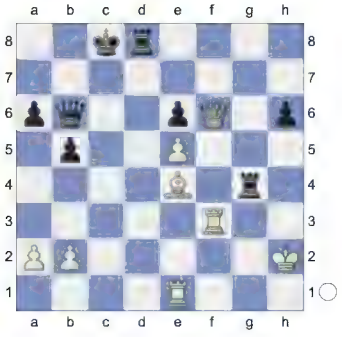
41...Rxh5 42.g4 Rg5? 7.72/21

[42...Rg8 3.96/20]

43.d5

[Not 43.Bf5 Kc8+-]

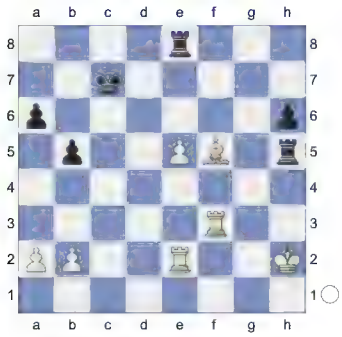
43...Rxg4+ 44.Kh2 Kc8 45.dxe6 fxe6



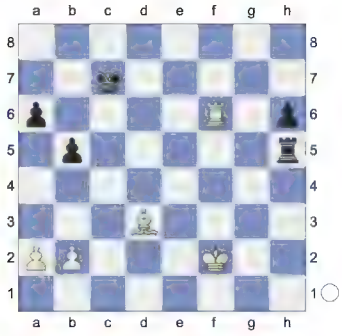
46.Bf5! Rg5

[46...Rd2+ 47.Kh3]

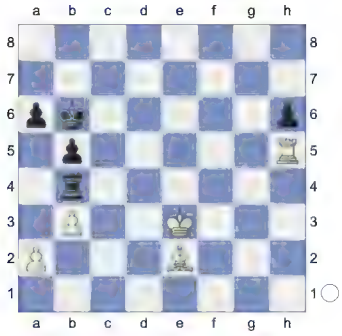
47.Qxe6+ Qxe6 48.Bxe6+ Kc7 49.Re2 Inhibits Rd2. **49...Re8 50.Bf5 Rh5+**



51.Kg1 Rg8+ 52.Kf2 Rgg5 53.Bd3 Rxe5 54.Rxe5 Rxe5 Endgame KRB-KR **55.Rf6 Rh5**



56.Ke3 Rh2 57.Be2 Kb7 58.Rf5 Strongly threatening Rh5. White is clearly winning. **58...Rh4 59.Rh5 Rb4 60.b3 Kb6**



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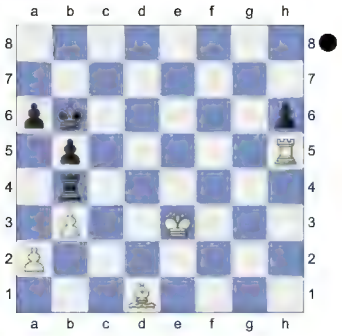

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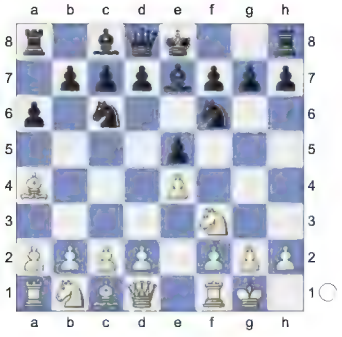
22 **C89**
□ **Roebers,Eline** **2331**
■ **Muzychuk,Mariya** **2505**
2024 | Crown group (4) 31.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack 42/427 Nunn,John DM: 'Nunn,J: '42/427 '' Nunn,John DM: 'Nunn,J: 'Inf 42/427'' Matanovic,A: 'Inf 31/396' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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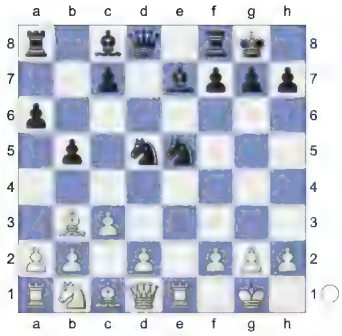
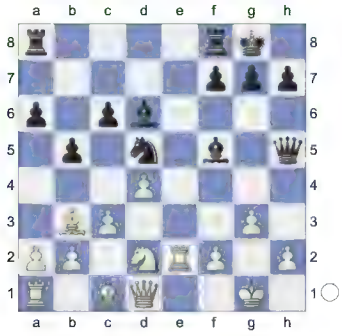


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re2 Qh4 14.g3 Qh5 15.Nd2 Bf5
[15...Bh3 16.f3 Bc7 17.a4 b4 18.c4 Nf6 19.Ne4 Qg6 *(19...Qxf3 20.Ng5 Qh5 21.Nxh3 Qxh3 22.Bg5 Ng4 23.Qf1 Qh5 24.Bf4 Bxf4 25.Qxf4 Rae8 26.Rae1 c5* C 89/16) 20.Nf2 Bf5 21.Bc2 Rfe8 22.Bxf5 Qxf5 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Kg2 Rd8 25.Be3 Bb6 26.Qb3 Bxd4 27.Rd1 c5 28.Bxd4 cxd4 29.Qxb4 Qd7 30.Qb6 Short,N (2615)-Nunn,J (2590) Bruxelles 1986 Inf 42 [Nunn,J] 0-1 (39)]

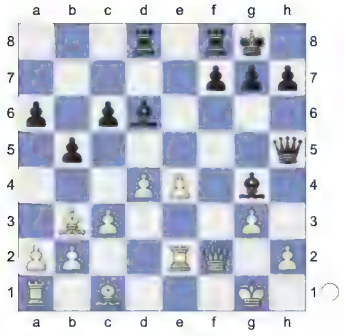


16.f3N 0.03/19
[16.Re1± 0.52/20 Qxd1 *(16...Qg6 17.Nf3 Bg4 18.Nh4 Qh5 19.f3 Bh3 20.Ng2 Rae8 21.Re4 g5 22.Bd2 Re6 23.Qe2 Rh6 24.Ne3 Nxe3 25.Qxe3 Bf4 26.Qf2 Bxd2 27.g4 Qh4 28.Qxd2 Rf6 29.Qe3 h5 30.Re5 Rf4 31.gxh5* Sax,G (2560)-Pinter,J (2550) Budapest 1981 The Total Marshall [Matanovic, Informator]

½-½ (66) Bf5 32.Kh1 Qxh5 33.Rg1 Kh8 34.Rg3 f6 35.Re7 Rh4 36.Qf2 Re8 37.Rxe8+ Qxe8 38.Rg1 Qh5 39.Re1 Rf4 40.Bd1 Rh4 41.Qg3 Rf4 ½-½ (41) Sax,G-Pinter,J Magyarorszag (ch) 31/396 1981 Cl1-130 [Matanovic,Aleksandar]) 17.Rxd1]

16...Rae8 17.Qe1 Rd8 0.58/20
[17...Bd7= 0.07/19]

18.Qf2± Nf6 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.fxe4 Bg4

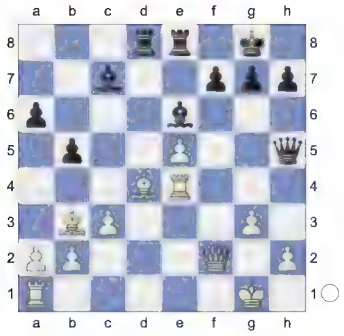


21.Re1 c5 1.05/19
[21...a5± 0.70/17]

22.Be3 0.59/19
[22.e5± 1.05/19 c4 23.Bc2 *(23.exd6 cxb3 24.axb3 Rxd6±)*]

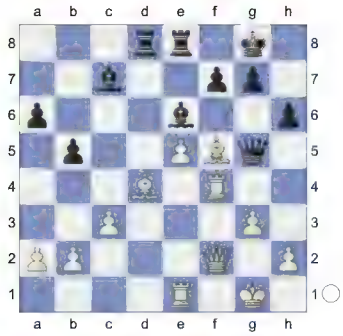
22...cxd4 23.Bxd4 Rfe8 0.78/21
[23...Be5± 0.42/17]

24.e5 Bc7 25.Re4 Be6

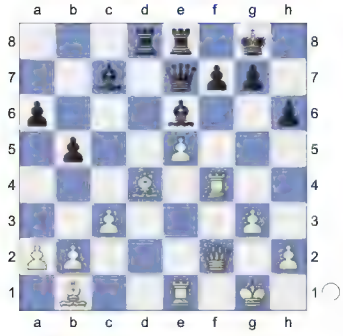


26.Bc2 aiming for Rh4. **26...h6 27.Rae1 Bd5** 0.92/20
[27...Qg5± 0.60/17]

28.Rf4± Qg5 29.Bf5 Be6 1.28/19
[⌓29...h5 0.89/19]



30.Bb1 0.51/17 **Qe7** 1.26/18
[30...Bh3!± 0.51/17]

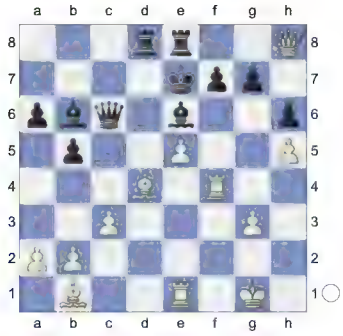


31.h4 Qd7 1.83/20
[31...b4± 1.11/16]

32.h5+- Qc2 is the strong threat.

32...Qc6? 3.73/21
[32...Qe7 1.97/20 is a better defense.]

33.Qc2 Bb6 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Qh8+ Ke7

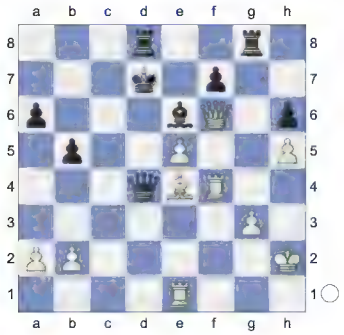


36.Qxg7 Bxd4+ 37.cxd4 Dancing on a razor blade.
[But not 37.Rxd4 Rxd4 38.Qf6+ *(38.cxd4 Rd8+-)* 38...Kd7 39.cxd4

Rg8+-]

37...Rg8 38.Qf6+ Kd7 39.Rf3 1.88/19

[⌓39.Be4 3.90/19 Qb6 40.Kh2 Qxd4

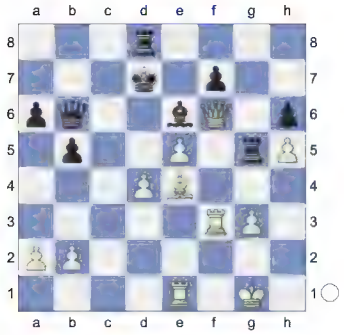


41.Bc6+! Kxc6 42.Rxd4 Rxd4 43.Qxh6]

39...Rg5? 4.65/23

[39...Qd5 1.88/19]

40.Be4 Qb6



41.Kg2 Black must now prevent d5.

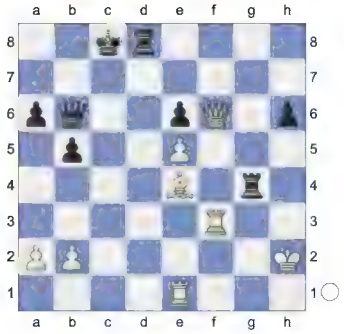
41...Rxh5 42.g4 Rg5? 7.72/21

[42...Rg8 3.96/20]

43.d5

[Not 43.Bf5 Kc8+-]

43...Rxg4+ 44.Kh2 Kc8 45.dxe6 fxe6



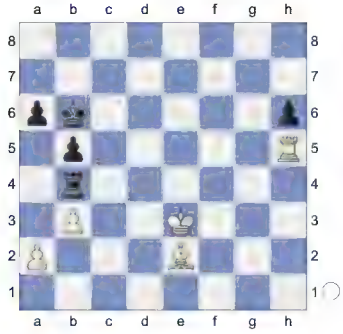
46.Bf5! Rg5

[46...Rd2+ 47.Kh3]

47.Qxe6+ Qxe6 48.Bxe6+ Kc7 49.Re2 Inhibits Rd2. **49...Re8 50.Bf5 Rh5+**

51.Kg1 Rg8+ 52.Kf2 Rgg5 53.Bd3 Rxe5 54.Rxe5 Rxe5 Endgame KRB-KR **55.Rf6 Rh5**

56.Ke3 Rh2 57.Be2 Kb7 58.Rf5 Strongly threatening Rh5. White is clearly winning. **58...Rh4 59.Rh5 Rb4 60.b3 Kb6**



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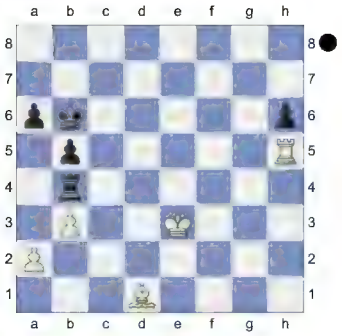

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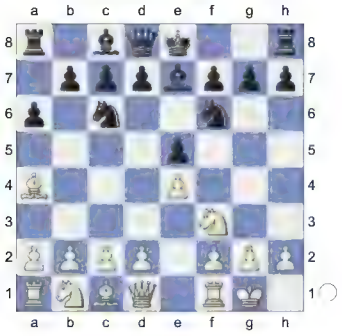
23 **C89**
□ **DiamondDragon08** **2591**
■ **KLDD** **2547**
Blitz 31.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5

16.Nd2
[Weaker is 16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Re1 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5∓]
16...Bf5 0.58/18
[16...f5= 0.18/20 17.Re3 Kh8 *(17...Ra7 18.Qf3 Kh8 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Nf1 Rg7* C 89/19 *)* 18.Bxd5 cxd5]
17.Qf1N -0.12/19
[White should play 17.a4± 0.58/18]
[17.Bc2 Kh8 *(17...Nf6 18.Re2 Bxc2 19.Qxc2 Rae8 20.Nf3 h6 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Bd2 Re4 23.Re1 Qe6 24.Rxe4 Nxe4 25.Bc1 c5 26.Be3 c4 27.b3 f5 28.Nd2 Nxd2 29.Bxd2 Kg7 30.bxc4 bxc4 31.Qb1 Qd5 32.Qb6* Simagin,V-Averbakh,Y Moscow 1948 1-0 (37) *)* 18.Bd3 Qh6 19.h4 f6 20.Qf3 Bxe4 21.Nxe4 Be7 22.Kg2 Qg7 23.hxg5 fxg5 24.Qh5 Rf5 25.Nc5 Nf6 26.Qe2 Rxc5 27.dxc5 Bxc5 28.Qe5 Bxf2 29.Bxg5 Ng4 30.Qe4 Rf8 31.Bf4 Nf6

Modern-Navara Jurmala 1955 ZUS C73 [News of the Week 22/1/1876; Harding] 1-0 (50) 32.Qf3 Ba7 33.Rh1 Rf7 34.Be5 Kg8 35.Rf1 Ng4 36.Bxg7 Rxf3 37.Rxf3 Kxg7 38.Be4 Ne3+ 39.Kh3 Nd1 40.Bxc6 Nxb2 41.Bb7 a5 42.Rf5 Na4 43.Rxb5 Nxc3 44.Rxa5 Bb6 45.Ra6 Bf2 46.Bc6 h6 Martinovsky,E-Milicevic,D corr 1955 UltraCorr3a [Martinovsky; Harding] 1-0 (50)]

17...Qh6 0.69/17

[17...Qxf1+= -0.12/19 18.Kxf1 Kg7]

18.Bc2 -0.04/18

[White should try 18.a4± 0.69/17]

18...Qg6 19.Qg2 -0.36/18

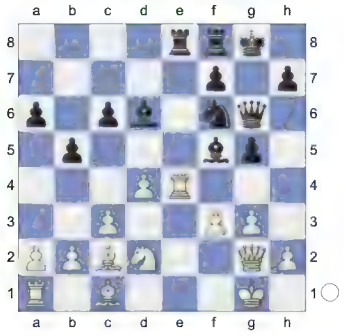
[19.Bd3= 0.07/17]

19...Nf6 0.08/20

[19...b4∓ -0.36/18 should be considered.]

20.f3 Rae8

[Don't play 20...Nxe4 21.fxe4 Bc8 22.Nf1±]



Pin **21.a4 g4 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Bxf5 Qxf5 24.fxg4?** -3.69/21

[24.Qf2!∓ -0.40/18]

24...Re1+-+ 25.Nf1 Nxg4

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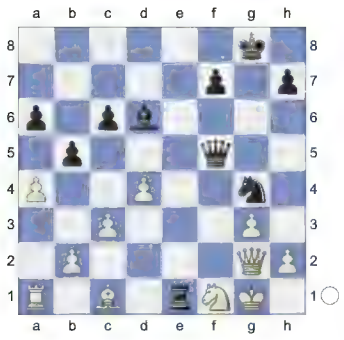

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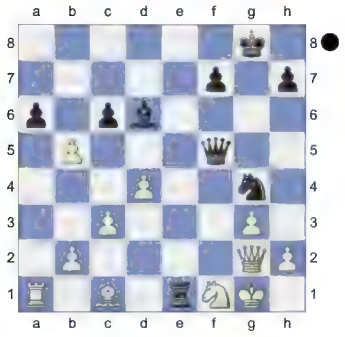
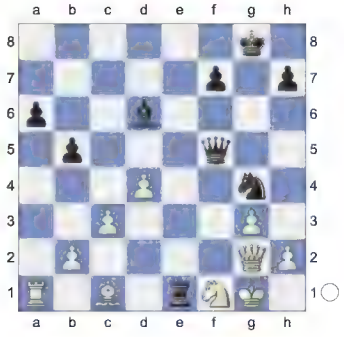


cxb5 2.52/21

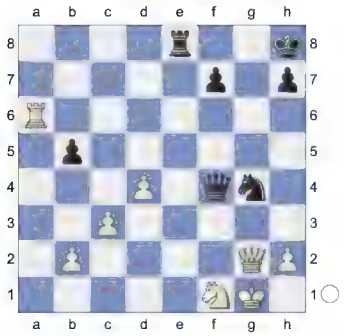
[26...Nxh2!-+ -3.84/22 and life is good for Black. (→ ...Nf3+) 27.Bf4 *(27.Kxh2? Rxf1 28.Bf4 Rxa1-+)* 27...Rxa1 28.Qxh2 Bxf4 29.gxf4 Qg6+ 30.Qg2 axb5 31.Qxg6+ fxg6]



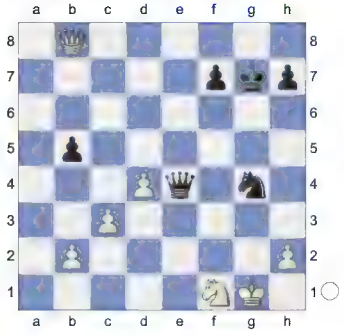
27.Bh6!+- The board is on fire. **27...Re8**

(Diagram)

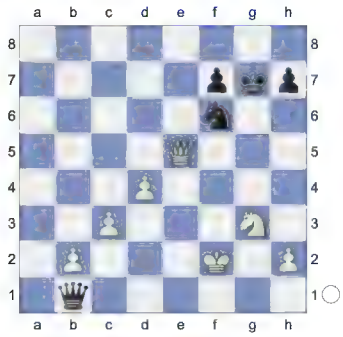
Inhibits Qa8. **28.Bf4** 0.57/23
[28.Rxa6!+- 2.13/20 Bf8 29.Bxf8 Kxf8 30.Qd2]
28...Bxf4± 29.gxf4 Kh8 30.Rxa6 Qxf4



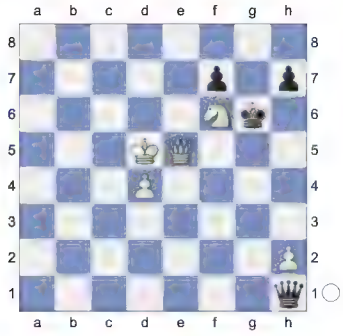
...Re1 is the strong threat. **31.Ra8! Rxa8 32.Qxa8+ Kg7 33.Qg2** Against Qf2+ **33...Kf8 34.Qg3 Qe4** 1.71/19
[34...Qf5± 0.78/22 was called for.]
35.Qb8++- Kg7



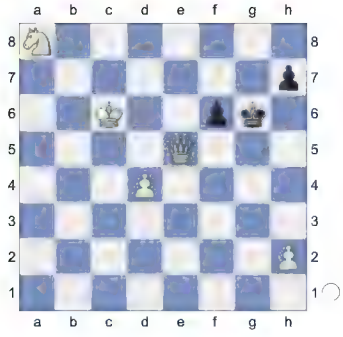
36.Qxb5 Threatens to win with Qg5+.
36...Qg6 2.52/20 Prevents Qg5.
[⌓36...h6 1.81/20]
37.Ng3 Ne3? 7.37/21
[37...Qb1+ 2.56/19 38.Kg2 Nf6 39.Qg5+ Qg6 40.Qxg6+ hxg6]
38.Qe2? 2.57/20
[38.Qe5+ 7.37/21 Kf8 39.Qxe3]
38...Qb1+ 39.Kf2 Nd5 7.41/22
[39...Nd1+ 2.38/21 40.Kf3 Kf8]
40.Qe5+ Nf6



41.Nh5+ Kg6 42.Nxf6 Qxb2+ 43.Kf3 Qxc3+ 44.Ke4 Threatening mate with Qf5+. **44...Qe1+ 45.Kd5 Qh1+**



46.Kd6 Qa8 47.Nd5 Nf4+ would kill now. **47...Qd8+ 48.Kc6 Qc8+ 49.Nc7 Qa8+ 50.Nxa8 f6**



51.Qe6 Kh5 52.Nc7 h6 53.Nd5 Kg5 54.Qxf6+ Kg4 55.Nf4 Kf3

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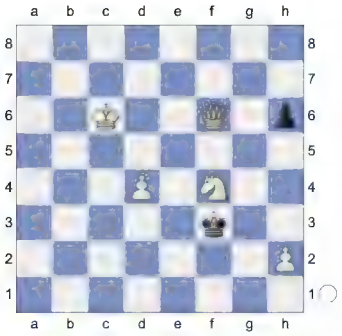
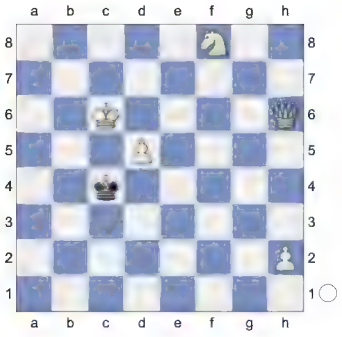


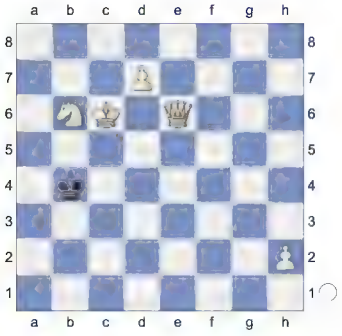
56.Ng6+ Ke3 57.Qh4 Kd3 58.Qxh6 Kc4 59.Nf8 Kb4 60.d5 Kc4



61.d6 Kb4 62.Qe6 Ka4 63.Nd7 Kb4 64.Nb6 21.41/5

[⌓64.Qe3 #4/10 Kc4 65.Nc5 Kb4 66.Qb3+ Ka5 67.Qc3#]

64...Ka5 65.d7 White mates. **65...Kb4**



66.d8Q Ka5 67.Qdd5+ Kb4 68.Qc4+ Ka5 69.Qe5#

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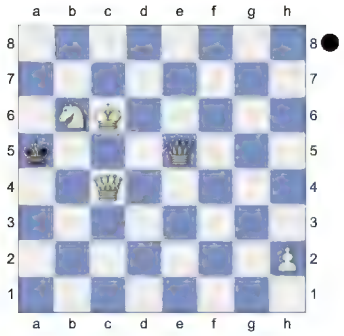

Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/Black=0.69

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24 **C89**

□ **Bot Feline** **3030**

■ **Caissa,X** **3038**

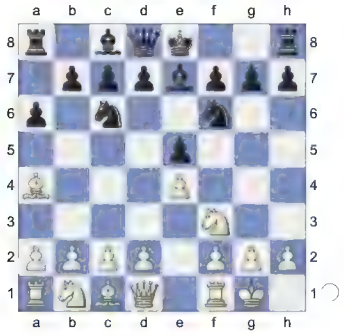
Blitz 30.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec

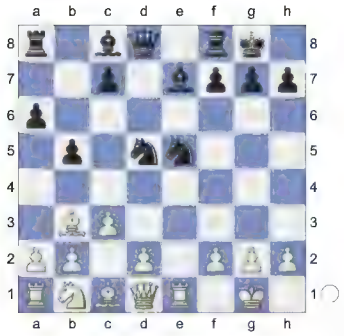
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

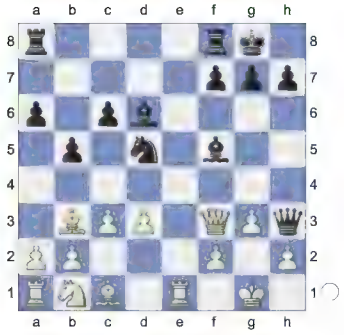


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

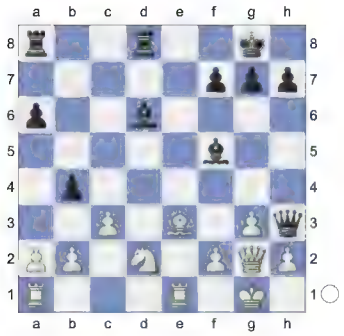
(Diagram)



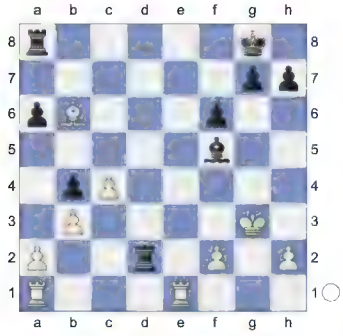
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 0.10/19
[14.Nd2± 0.43/18]
14...Qh4 15.g3!
[Of course not 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



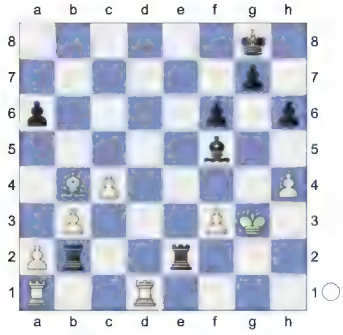
16.Be3 Bxd3 White is slightly better.
[But not 16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
17.Nd2 Bf5
[Don't take 17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]
18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rfd8 20.Qg2 b4



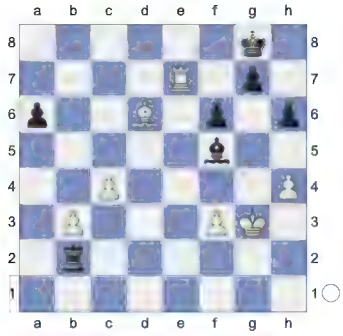
21.Bb6 Qxg2+
[21...Rdc8 seems wilder. 22.Ba5 bxc3 23.Bxc3 a5]
22.Kxg2 Rd7 23.c4 Bxg3 24.Kxg3 Rxd2 25.b3 f6



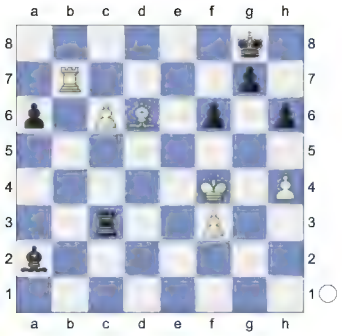
26.Ba5N Rb8 27.Red1 Rb2 28.h4 h6 29.f3 Re8 30.Bxb4 Ree2



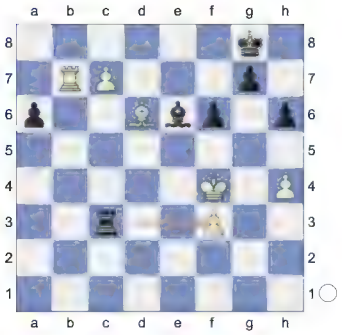
...g5 is the strong threat. **31.Re1 Rxa2**
[31...Rh2 feels hotter. 32.Re8+ Kh7 33.Re7 Rbg2+]
32.Rxa2 Rxa2= Endgame KRB-KRB
33.Re8+ Kf7 34.Re7+ Kg8 35.Bd6 Rb2



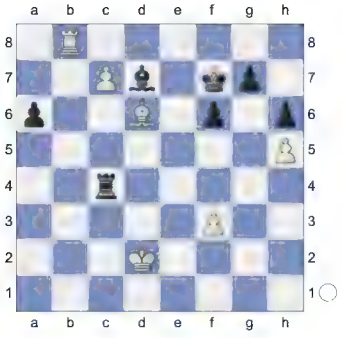
36.Kf4 Bb1 37.Rb7 Ba2 38.c5 Rxb3 39.c6 next c7 is good for White. The position is equal. **39...Rc3**
(Diagram)



aiming for ...Bd5. **40.c7** And now Rb8+ would win. **40...Be6**



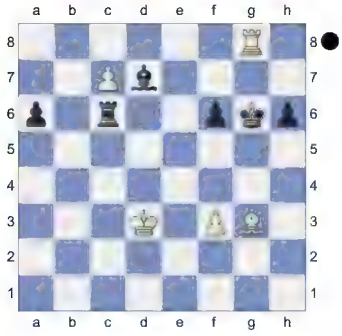
41.Rb8+ Kf7 42.h5 Bd7 43.Ke4 Rc4+ 44.Kd3 Bb5 45.Kd2 Bd7



Inhibits c8Q. Threatens to win with ... Rd4+. **46.Kd3** Against Rd4+ **46...Rc6 47.Rf8+ Ke6 48.Bf4 Kf5 49.Bg3 g6 50.hxg6 Kxg6**

(Diagram)

51.Rg8+



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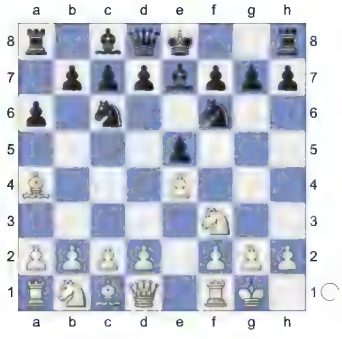
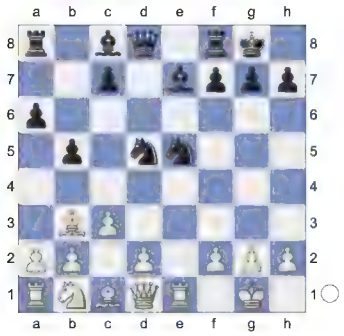
½-½

25 **C89**
□ **Integralbot** **2962**
■ **Bot Feline** **3039**
Blitz 30.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



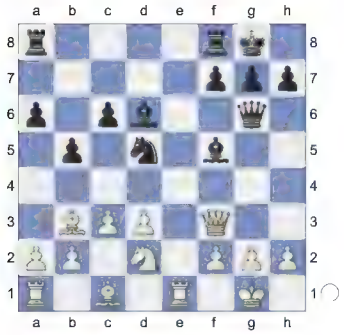
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



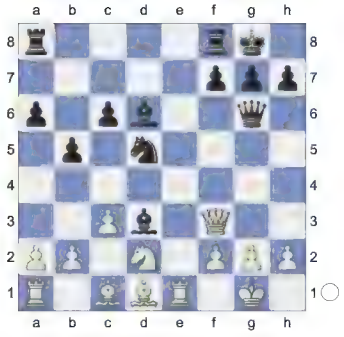
11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qf6 0.37/20

[14...Qh4= 0.05/18 15.g3 *(15.Qxf5 Qxh2+ 16.Kf1 Rae8=; 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓)* 15...Qh3]

15.Nd2± Qg6



16.Bd1 Bxd3



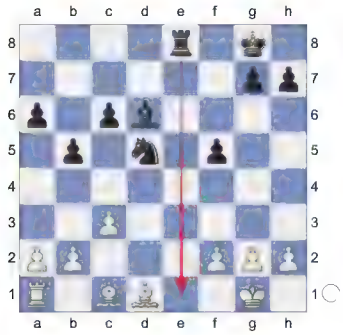
aiming for ...Rae8. **17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 f5** 0.71/20

[18...b4= 0.25/17]

19.Qe6+± Qxe6 20.Rxe6 Rae8

(Diagram)

21.Rxe8 Rxe8



22.Kf1 Prevents Re1+. **22...a5N** 0.68/18

[22...Bxh2= 0.28/19 deserves consideration. 23.g3 f4]

[22...Kf7 23.Bf3 Rc8 24.Bd2 Nb6 25.Re1 a5 26.h3 a4 27.Bd1 Re8 28.Rxe8 Kxe8 29.Bc2 g6 30.g4 fxg4 31.hxg4 Nd5 32.Ke2 Kd7 33.a3 Bf4 34.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 35.Ke3 Nd5+ 36.Kd4 Kd6 37.g5 Projecthuman (2835)-Ripsockeye (2790) Classical 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (60)]

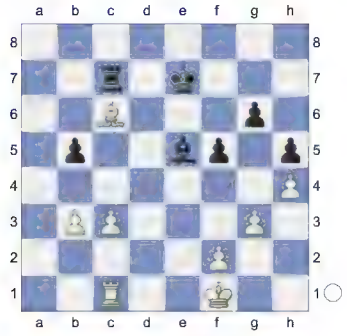
23.Bd2± Rb8

[23...Bxh2? 24.g3+-]

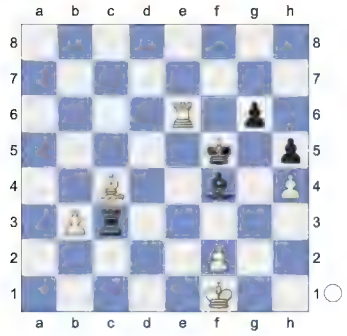
24.g3 Kf7 25.Rc1 g6

26.Bf3 a4 27.b3 axb3 28.axb3 Rc8 29.h3 Be5 30.Rc2 Rc7

31.h4 h5 32.Rc1 0.29/20
[White should play 32.Kg2± 0.82/19]
32...Ne7 0.73/22
[32...Nf6!= 0.29/20]
33.Bg5± Rd7 34.Bxe7 Kxe7 35.Bxc6±
Endgame KRB-KRB **35...Rc7**

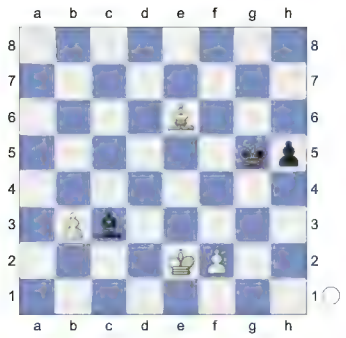


36.Bxb5 c4 is the strong threat.
36...Rxc3 37.Re1 Kf6 38.Bc4 f4 39.gxf4 Bxf4 40.Re6+ Kf5

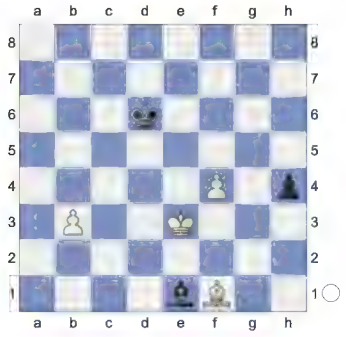


Hoping for ...Rxc4! **41.Rc6** Strongly threatening Be6+. **41...Be5 42.Ke2 g5 43.Be6+ Kf4 44.Rxc3 Bxc3 45.hxg5 Kxg5**

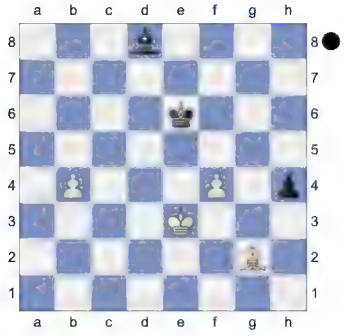
(Diagram)



KB-KB **46.Ke3 Kf6 47.Bd7 Be1 48.f4 Ke7 49.Bb5 h4 50.Bf1 Kd6**



51.Kf3 Ba5 52.Ke3 -0.01/20
[Better is 52.Bh3± 0.62/23]
52...Ke6 0.69/23
[52...Be1!= -0.01/20]
53.Bg2 Bd8 54.b4



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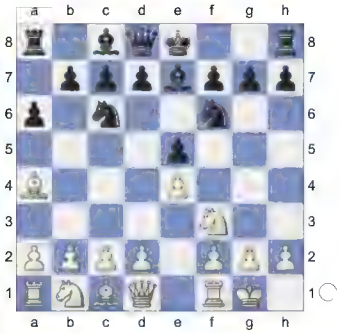
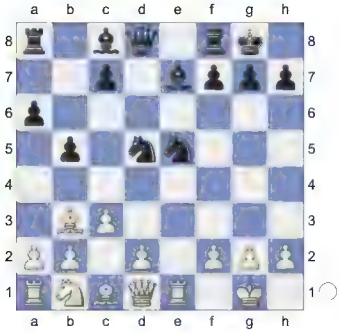
½-½

26 **C89**
□ **Asliceofpi** **2923**
■ **Bot Feline** **3037**
Blitz 30.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

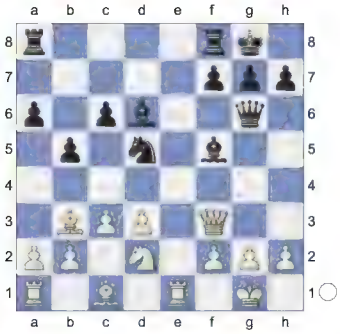
Blitz 3min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



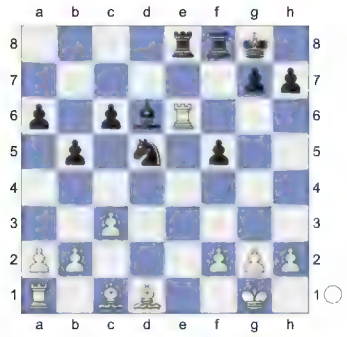
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



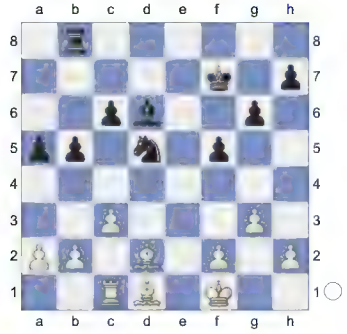
11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qf6 15.Nd2 Qg6



Strongly threatening ...Rfe8. **16.Bd1 Bxd3** Hoping for ...Rfe8. White is slightly better. **17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 f5** 0.74/19
[18...Qxe4= 0.01/16 19.Rxe4 Rae8]
19.Qe6+± Qxe6 20.Rxe6 Rae8



21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Kf1 Against Re1+
22...a5N
[22...Kf7 23.Bf3 Rc8 24.Bd2 Nb6 25.Re1 a5 26.h3 a4 27.Bd1 Re8 28.Rxe8 Kxe8 29.Bc2 g6 30.g4 fxg4 31.hxg4 Nd5 32.Ke2 Kd7 33.a3 Bf4 34.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 35.Ke3 Nd5+ 36.Kd4 Kd6 37.g5 Projecthuman (2835)-Ripsockeye (2790) Classical 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (60)]
23.g3 Kf7 24.Bd2 Rb8 0.73/18
[24...Re5!= 0.19/19 keeps the balance.]
25.Rc1 g6



26.Bf3 a4 27.b4 axb3 28.axb3 Rc8 29.h4 Be5 30.c4 bxc4

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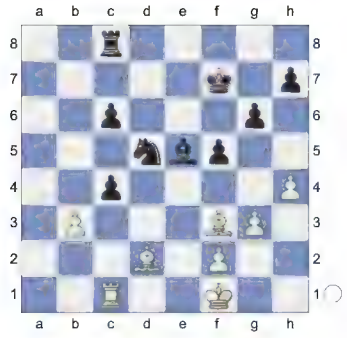
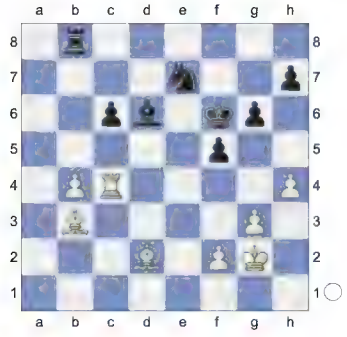
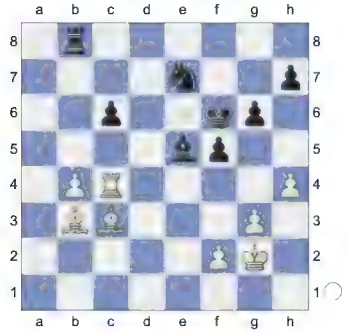


31.Rxc4 Ke6 32.b4 0.19/18
[32.h5± 0.56/17]
32...Ne7 0.88/18
[32...Kd6!= 0.19/18 remains equal.]
33.Kg2 Bd6 34.Bd1 Rb8 35.Bb3 Kf6

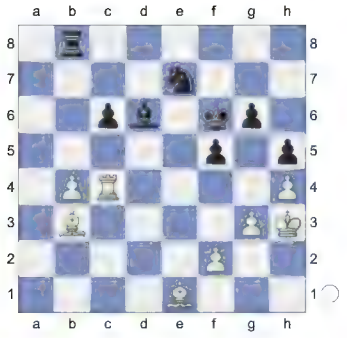


36.Bc3+ Be5

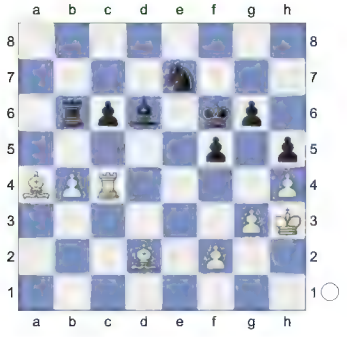


37.Bd2 0.01/19
[White should play 37.Be1!± 0.79/26]
37...Bd6!= 38.Bc3+ -0.01/20
[38.Kf3± 0.73/21]
38...Be5 39.Be1! Bd6 40.Kh3 h5

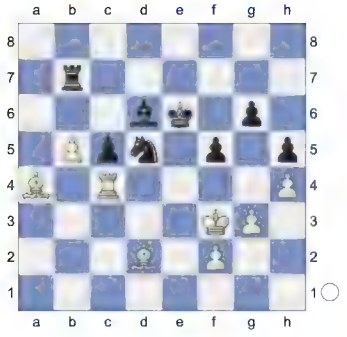
(Diagram)



41.Bc3+ Be5 42.Bd2 Bd6 43.Bc3+ 0.01/20
[43.Kg2± 0.82/23]
43...Be5 44.Bd2 Bd6! 45.Ba4 0.40/24
[White should try 45.Kg2± 0.84/20]
45...Rb6!±

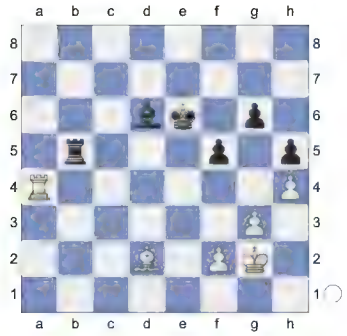


46.Kg2 Kf7 47.Rd4 Ke6 48.Kf3 Nd5 49.b5 c5
[49...cxb5? 50.Bb3+-]
50.Rc4 Black should prevent Rc1.
50...Rb7

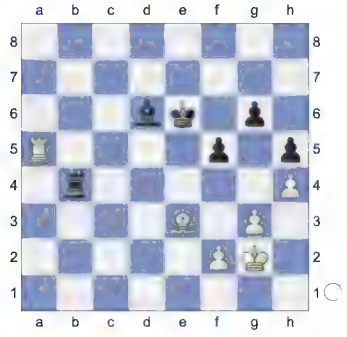


51.Rc1 c4! 52.Kg2 The position is equal. **52...Rb8! 53.Rxc4 Nb6 54.Rd4 Nxa4 55.Rxa4** Black must now prevent Ra6. **55...Rxb5=**

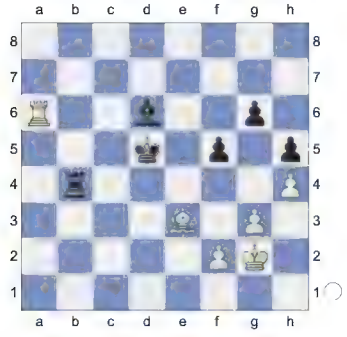
(Diagram)



Endgame KRB-KRB **56.Ra6** And now Bf4 would win. **56...Kd5** **57.Be3 Rb4 58.Ra5+ Ke6 59.Ra6** Threatens to win with Bc5. **59...Kd5** Inhibits Bc5. **60.Ra5+ Ke6**



61.Ra6 Kd5



Against Bc5.
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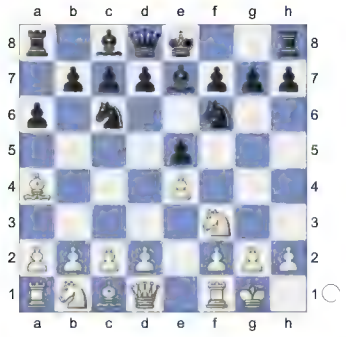
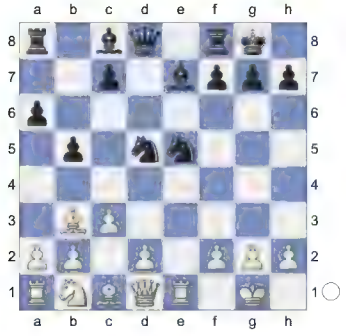
27 **C89**
□ **Weiawaga** **2581**
■ **Simbelmyne** **2504**
Classical 30.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 20min+8sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Be7 5.0-0 Nf6



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

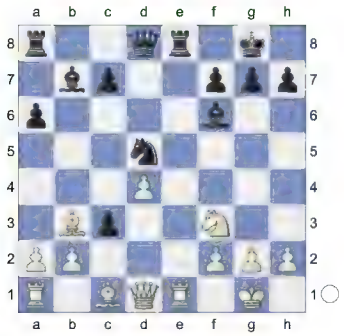


11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Nd2
[14.Bd2 Qd7 15.Na3 a5 16.Rxe8+ Rxe8 17.Qf1 b4 18.Nc2 c5 19.dxc5 bxc3 20.bxc3 a4 21.Bc4 Qc7 22.Bb5 Rc8 23.Qc4 Be5 24.Re1 Bxh2+ 25.Kh1 Ne7 26.Nb4 Be5 27.c6 Ba8 28.Bg5 Ng6 Yan,T (2277)-Kosteniuk,A (2532) Baku 2023 1-0 (52)]
14...b4 White is slightly better. **15.Nf3N** 0.12/19
[15.c4± 0.43/18 Nf4 16.d5 Nd3

17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bc2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bd4+ 20.Kf1 Qe3 21.Qe1 Qg1+ 22.Ke2 Qxg2+ 23.Kd3 Bf2 24.Qe4 Qxh2 25.Nf3 Qh3 26.Be3 Bxe3 27.Kxe3 c6 28.d6 g6 29.Kf2 Qh5 30.Qe5 Qxe5 31.Nxe5

De Firmian,N (2565)-Kreiman,B (2425) USA 1994 CBM 44 [Blatny,P] 1-0 (33) c5 32.Rd1 Rd8 33.Ba4 ½-½ (33) De Firmian,N (2575)-Georgiev,K (2620) Yerevan 1996 CBM 055 [Lempert,Igor]]

15...bxc3=



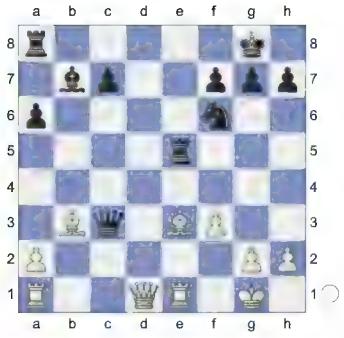
16.Ne5 Qd6 17.bxc3

[17.Qh5 g6 18.Qe2 Bg7±]

17...Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rxe5 19.Bd2 Nf6 20.Be3 Qc6

21.f3 Qxc3

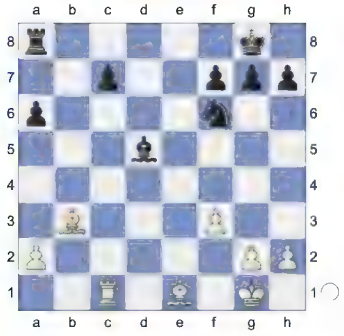
(Diagram)



22.Rc1! Qa5

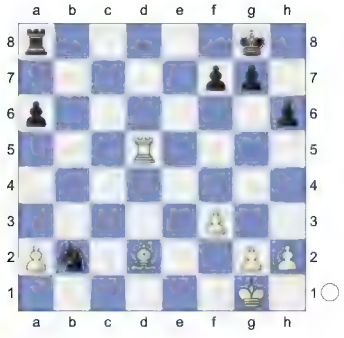
[22...Qb4 23.Rxc7]

23.Qd2 Qxd2 24.Bxd2 A strong pair of Bishops. **24...Rxe1+ 25.Bxe1 Bd5**



26.Rxc7 h6 27.Bxd5 Nxd5±

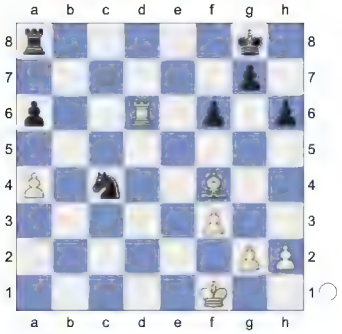
Endgame KRB-KRN **28.Rc5 Nf4 29.Bd2 Nd3 30.Rd5 Nb2**



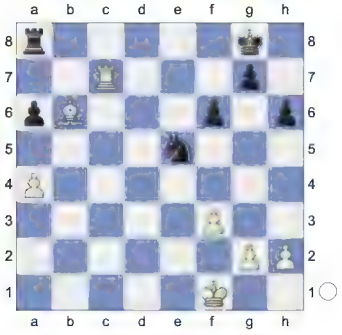
31.Bc3 Nc4 32.Rc5 Nb6 33.Be1 Na4 34.Rc6 Nb2 35.Kf1 Nd3

(Diagram)

36.Bc3 Nf4 0.50/19
[36...Rb8!= 0.11/22]
37.Bd2 Ng6 38.Rd6 f6 39.a4 Ne5 40.Bf4 Nc4



41.Rc6 Na5 42.Rc3 Nb7 43.Rc7 Nd8 44.Be3 Nf7 45.Bb6 Ne5



46.a5 Kh7 47.Ke2 Ng6 48.Kd2 Nh4 49.Rc4 Ng6
[49...Nxg2? 50.Rg4+-]
50.g3 Re8

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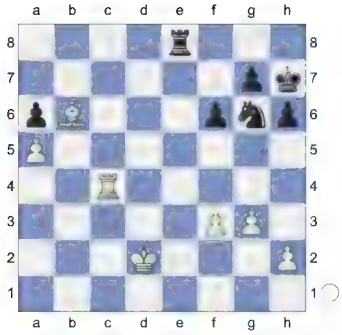
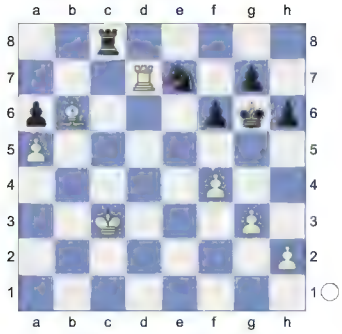
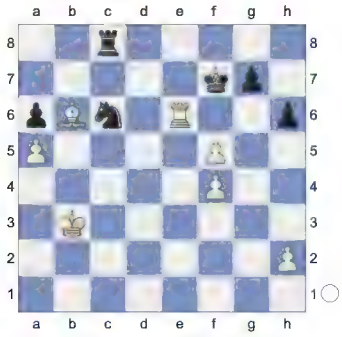


51.f4 Ne7 Inhibits Rc6. **52.Rc7 Kg6 53.Ra7 Nd5 54.Rd7 Ne7 55.Kc3 Rc8+**

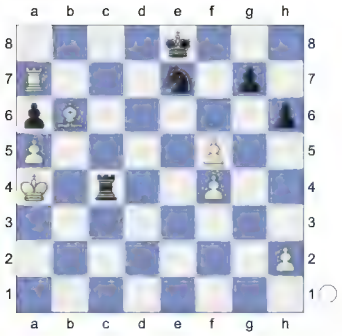


56.Kb3 Nc6 57.g4 f5 58.Rd6+ Kf7 59.gxf5 Ke7 60.Re6+ Kf7

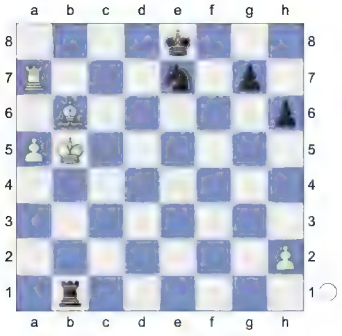


61.Rg6! Ne7 0.01/22
[61...h5± 1.01/23]
62.Rd6= Nc6 White stays focused until the end. **63.Ka4 Ne7 64.Rd7 Ke8 65.Ra7 Rc4+**

(Diagram)



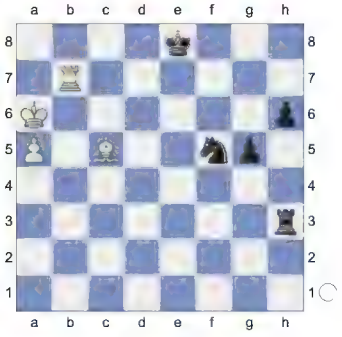
66.Kb3 Rxf4 67.Rxa6 aiming for Ra8+. **67...Rxf5 68.Kc4 Rf4+ 69.Kb5 Rf1 70.Ra7 Rb1+**



71.Ka6! Rb2 72.Rc7 Nf5 73.h3 Rb3 2.71/22

[73...g5 1.89/20 was worth a try. 74.Ka7 Nd6]

74.Bc5+- g5 75.Rb7 Rxh3



76.Kb6 Rb3+ 77.Kc6 Rd3 78.a6 And now a7 would win. **78...Nd4+?** 7.05/25

[78...Rd1 3.99/21 79.a7 Ra1]

79.Bxd4 Rxd4 KR-KR **80.a7 Ra4**

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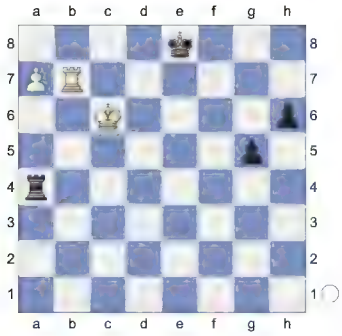
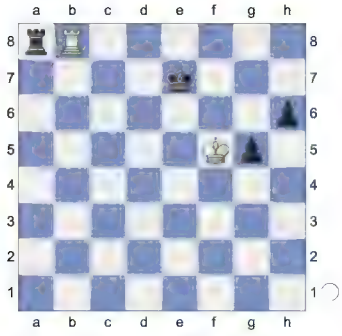
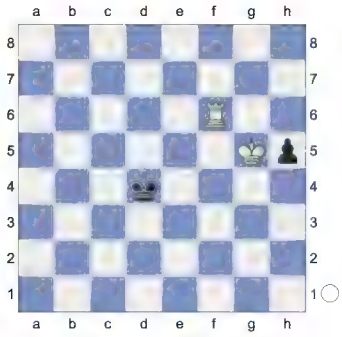


81.Kd5 Ra5+ 82.Ke4 Strongly threatening Rb8+. **82...Ra4+ 83.Kf5 Ra1 84.Rb8+ Ke7 85.a8Q Rxa8**



86.Rxa8 Kd6 White mates. **87.Ra6+ Kc5 88.Rf6 h5 89.Kxg5 Kd4**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) . Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?

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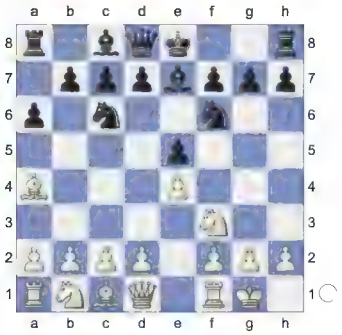
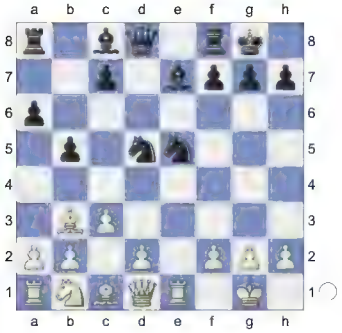
28 **C89**
□ **Odonata** **2735**
■ **Bot Feline** **3021**
Blitz 30.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

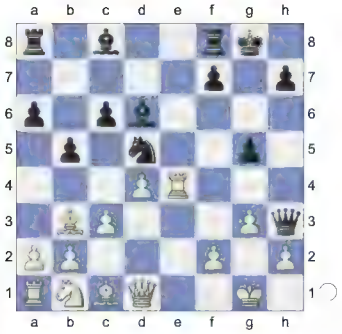
Blitz 3min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Inf 98/(255) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

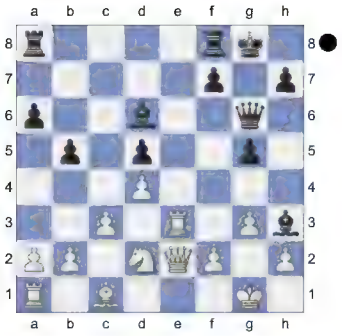


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5



16.Qf1
[16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Re1 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5∓]
16...Qh5 17.Nd2 Bh3N
[17...Nf6 18.f3 Nxe4 19.fxe4 Bh3 20.Qf3 Qxf3 21.Nxf3 h6 22.Be3 Kg7 23.Nd2 f6 24.a4 Rfe8 25.Bc2 a5 26.c4 bxc4 27.Nxc4 Bb4 28.Rd1 Rad8 29.Kf2 Rf8 30.Bd2 Be6 31.Bxb4 axb4 32.b3 Perez Lopez,A (2363)-6. ♖e1 0-0 7.h3 e5 (2524) Reykjavik 2006 200 Traps In The Opening [Mitenkov,A] 0-1 (53)]
[17...Bf5 18.f3 Nf6 *(18...Rae8 19.Bd1 Qg6 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Ne4 Bxe4 22.fxe4 Qxe4 23.Bxg5 Ne3 24.Qf3 Nxd1 25.Qxe4 Rxe4 26.Rxd1 Kg7 27.Kf2 f6 28.Kf3 Re6 29.Be3 Kg6 30.b3 h5 31.c4 Be7 32.d5 cxd5 33.cxd5* Ernst,T (2286)-Falkevall,A (2299) Vaxjo 2023 0-1 (40) *)* 19.a4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Qg6 21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.Bxg5 Rfe8 23.Re1 Qg6 24.Be7 Ra7 25.Bc5 Raa8 26.Be7 Ra7 27.Bc5 ½-½ (27) Shirov, A (2720)-Leko,P (2741) Moscow 2006 CI1-130 [RR]]
[17...f5 18.Bd1 Qh6 19.Re1 f4 20.Ne4 Bc7 21.f3 Bh3 22.Qf2 g4 23.fxg4 Qg6 24.Qc2 Rae8 25.Bd2 Ne3 26.Bxe3 fxe3 27.Nc5 Qh6 28.Ne4 Qg6 29.Nc5 Qg5 30.Qd3 Rf2 31.Bc2 Re7 32.Ne4 Negi,P (2535)-Kosteniuk,A (2530) Chapter 9 2006 [Stockfish 6 64 POPCNT (10s)] 1-0 (47)]
18.Qe2 White is slightly better. **18...Qg6**
19.Bxd5 -0.01/19
[Better is 19.Nf3!± 0.68/19]
19...cxd5= 20.Re3

(Diagram)



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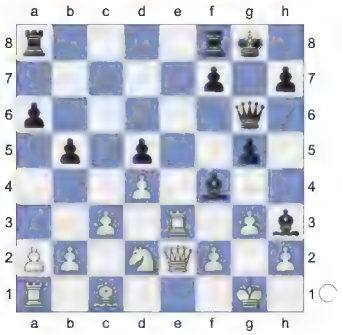
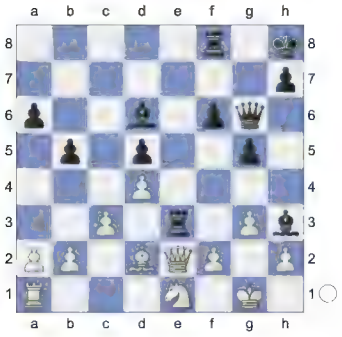
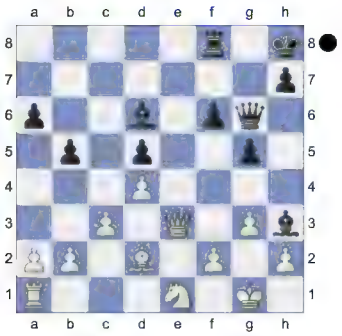


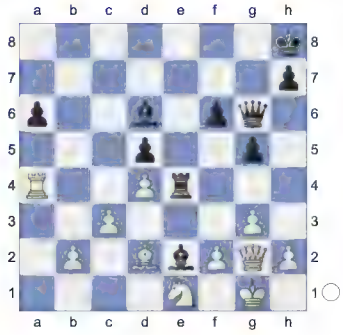
Black has counterplay **21.Re7 Bd6 22.Re3 Kh8 23.Nf3 f6** Against Ne5 **24.Bd2 Rae8 25.Ne1 Rxe3**



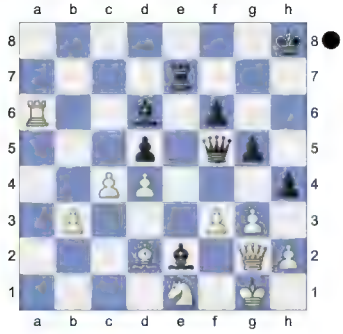
26.Qxe3 -0.78/20
[26.Bxe3= -0.19/21 Re8 27.a4]



26...Re8 0.01/20
0x0.00268981f4f2dp-1022s more active pieces.
[26...Bf4!∓ -0.78/20 27.Qe2 *(27.Qd3 Qxd3)* 27...Re8]
27.Qf3 Re4 28.a4 bxa4! 29.Rxa4 Bg4 A strong pair of Bishops. **30.Qg2 Be2**



31.b3 h5 32.Ra1 -0.40/20
[32.Be3= 0.01/18]
32...h4
[32...Qf5!?]
33.c4 -0.86/19
[33.Qh3∓ -0.34/18 f5 34.Ra2]
33...Qf5!∓
[33...dxc4 34.Rxa6 f5 35.b4±]
[33...Rxd4 34.Bc3 Re4 35.Rxa6±]
34.f3
[34.Rxa6 h3 35.Qxe4 Qxe4-+]
34...Re7 35.Rxa6



Qb1! 0.23/21

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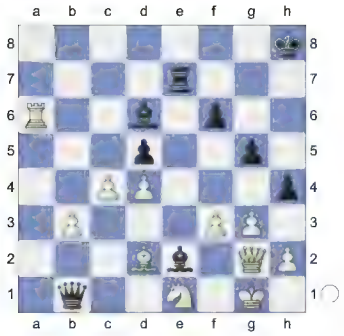
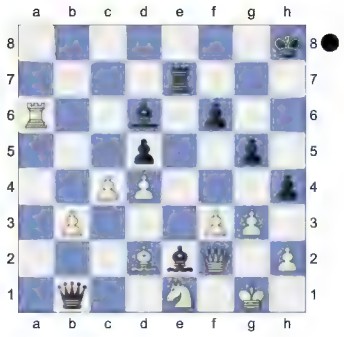


36.Qf2? -1.86/19
[36.Rxd6= 0.23/21 and White is okay. Bd3 37.Kh1 *(37.cxd5 Rxe1+)* 37...Rxe1+ 38.Bxe1 Qxe1+ 39.Qg1]
[36.Ba5 Qa1]



Loses the game. **36...Bd3!-+ 37.Bc3**
[37.gxh4? Bf4 38.hxg5 fxg5 39.Bxf4 Rxe1+ 40.Kg2 Re2 41.Bxg5 *(41.Be5+? Kh7-+)* 41...dxc4 42.bxc4 Rxf2+ 43.Kxf2 Qf1+ 44.Ke3 Bxc4 45.Bf6+ Kh7-+]
[37.Rxd6 Re2]
37...dxc4 Threatens to win with ...Re2.
38.Rxd6 -2.41/19
[⌓38.f4 -1.66/19 Re2 39.Qf1]
38...Re2! 39.Qf1 -3.21/18
[39.Qxe2 -2.24/17 is a better defense. Bxe2 40.bxc4]

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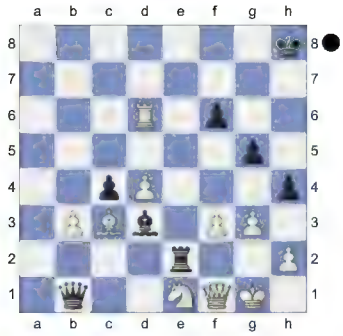
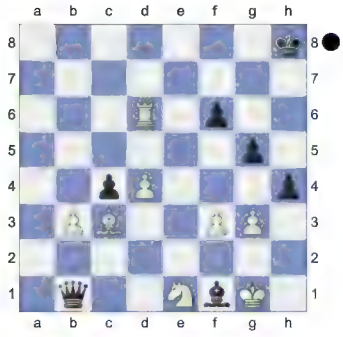
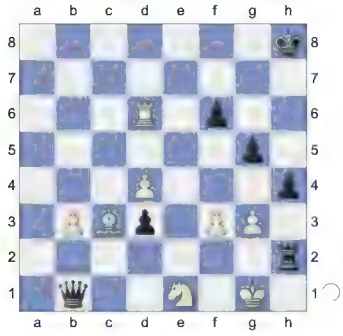


39...Rxh2!! Discovered Attack **40.Qxd3**
[40.Kxh2 Bxf1 41.Kg1



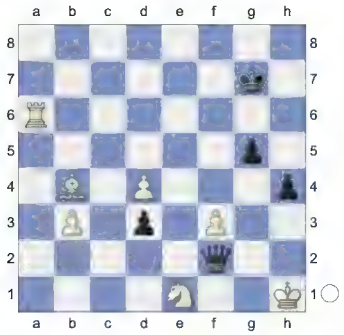
hxg3!-+]
[40.Rd8+ Kh7 41.Qxd3+ *(41.Rd7+? Kg6-+)* 41...cxd3-+]
40...cxd3



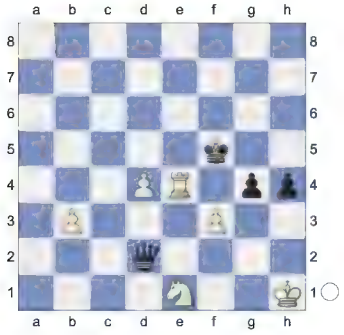
The board is on fire. **41.Kxh2 Qc1**
[Worse is 41...Qa2+ 42.Ng2∓]
42.Bb4
[Much weaker is 42.Rd8+ Kg7 43.Ba5 *(43.Rd7+? Kg6-+)* 43...d2 44.Rd7+ Kg6 45.Bxd2 Qxd2+ 46.Ng2 Qf2 47.gxh4 gxh4-+]
42...Qc7 43.Rxf6? -5.19/21
[43.Nxd3 -2.78/24 Qc2+ 44.Kh3 Qxd3 45.Rxf6 Qxd4 46.Rf8+ Kg7

47.Rf5 Qxb4 48.Rxg5+ Kf6 49.Rg4 Qxb3 50.Rf4+ Ke5 51.Kxh4]

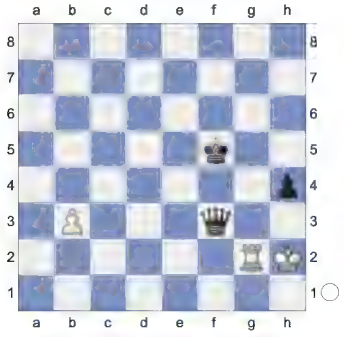
43...Qxg3+ 44.Kh1 Kg7 45.Ra6 Qf2



Prevents Ra2. **46.Ra7+ Kg6 47.Re7 d2 48.Bxd2 Qxd2** Endgame KQ-KRN **49.Re6+ Kf5 50.Re4 g4**



Deflection **51.Rxg4 Qxe1+** KQ-KR **52.Kh2 Qf2+ 53.Rg2 Qxd4 54.Rg4 Qf2+ 55.Rg2 Qxf3**



(→ ...Kf4) **56.b4 Kf4 57.Rg7 Qd5 58.b5 h3 59.Rg6 Qe5 60.Rg3 Qe2+**

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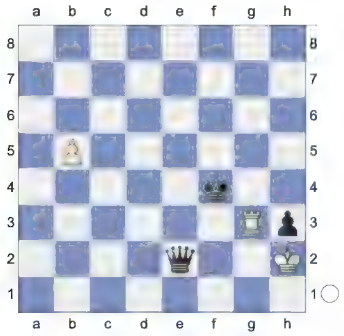
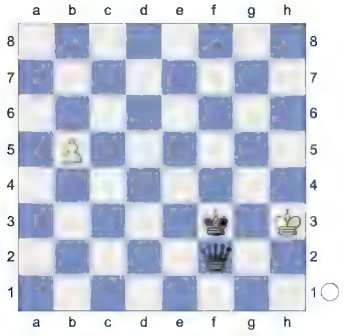
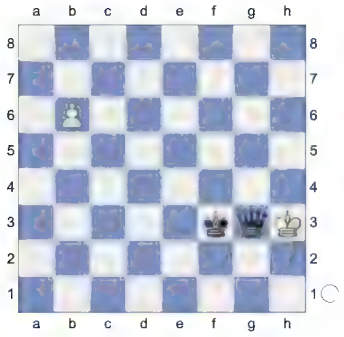


61.Kxh3 Qe1 62.Rg4+ Kf3 63.Rg2 Qh1+ 64.Rh2 Qg1 Black mates. **65.Rf2+ Qxf2**



66.b6 Qg3#



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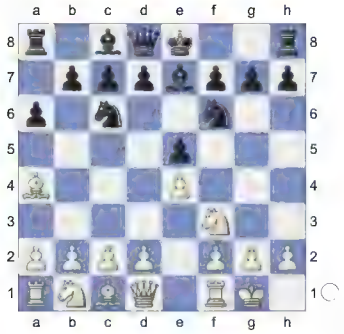
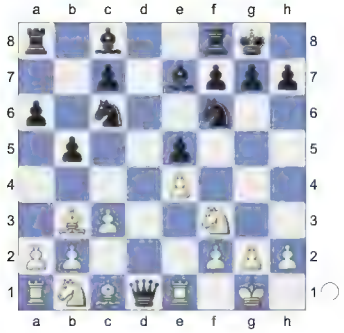
29 **C89**
□ **Kamsky,Gata** **2609**
■ **Gustafsson,J.** **2604**
Titled Tue 29. Oct Late (6) 29.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

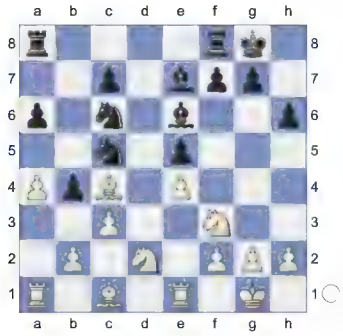
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Qxd1

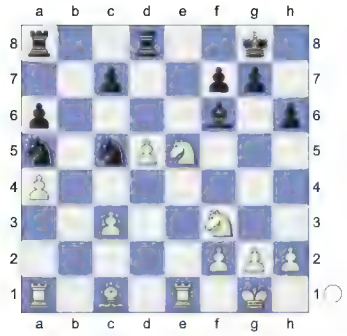


11.Bxd1
[11.Rxd1 Bc5 12.Bd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Rd8 14.Be3 Bf8 15.Na3 Ne7 16.Nxe5 Nxd5 17.Nc2 Bf5 18.Nd4 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Be4 20.Kf2 Rd6 21.Ndf3 Rad8 22.Rxd6 Rxd6 23.Ke1 h5 24.Rd1 f6 25.Nd7 Rxd1+ Guerrini,S (2251)-Wirsching,A (2631) Manila 2023 TD 92\01 [John Watson] 0-1 (39)]
11...h6N
[11...Bb7 12.Nbd2 Nd7 *(12...Rfd8 13.Bc2 Nd7 14.Nf1 Nc5 15.Ne3 Nd3 16.Bxd3 Rxd3 17.Nd5 Bd6 18.Rf1 f5 19.Ne1 fxe4 20.Ne3 Rd8 21.Nxd3 exd3 22.Nf5 e4 23.Nxd6 Rxd6 24.Bf4 Rd7 25.f3 exf3 26.Rxf3 Ne7 27.Re3* 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bh4-Mozny,M 2.BLW9697 Wattenscheid-Andernach 1979 130 Colovic [Harikrishna,Pentala] ½-½ *)* 13.Nb3 a5 14.Be3 a4 15.Nbd2 Rfb8 16.a3 Bc8 17.Bc2 Nc5 18.Rad1 f6 19.Nf1 Be6 The Marshall Declined-D3,B Fighting the Ruy Lopez [Milos Pavlovic]]
[11...Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nbd2 Rad8 14.Bc2 Bc5 15.Nh2 Bb6 16.Ndf1 Na5 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Nf3 Rfe8 19.a4 c5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nf5 c4 22.Be3 Bc7 23.g4 Ra8 24.Nd2 Nb7 25.f3 Bxf5 26.gxf5 Zvezdogliad-Koshmak,Y Dnepropetrovsk 1975 EXT 2022 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (64)]
12.Nbd2 Be6 13.a4 Nd7 Black has an edge. **14.Be2 b4 15.Bc4 Nc5**

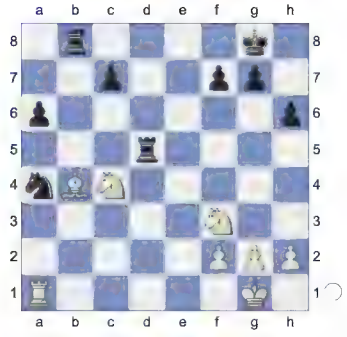


16.Bd5!
[16.cxb4 Nxb4 17.Rb1 *(17.Nxe5? Nc2-+)* 17...Nbd3∓]
16...bxc3 17.bxc3 Bxd5 18.exd5 Na5 19.Nxe5 Bf6 1.32/22
[19...Rfe8!= 0.22/22]
20.Ndf3 0.43/23
[Only move: 20.Ba3± 1.32/22 Rfe8 21.Bxc5 Bxe5 22.Bb4]
20...Rfd8±

(Diagram)

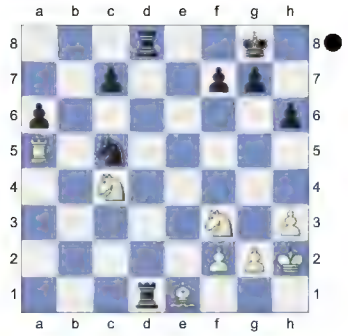


21.Ba3 Rxd5
[21...Nd7 with more complications. 22.Bb4 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 Rxd5 24.Rad1 Rxe5]
22.c4 Nxc4 23.Nxc4 Hoping for Ne3.
23...Bxa1 24.Rxa1 Black should prevent Ne3. **24...Nxa4 25.Bb4 Rb8**

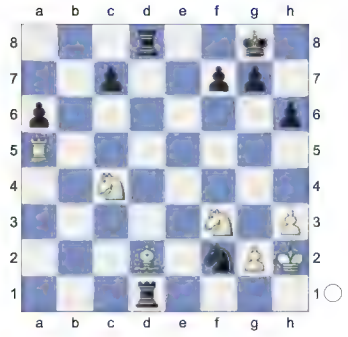


26.Be1 White has compensation.
26...Nc5 27.h3 -0.34/21
[27.g3= 0.18/22]
27...Rbd8 0.64/22
[27...Nd3!∓ -0.34/21]
28.Kh2 0.01/20
[White should try 28.Ne3!± 0.64/22]
28...Rd1= 29.Ra5 -0.98/23
[29.Ra2!= 0.13/24]

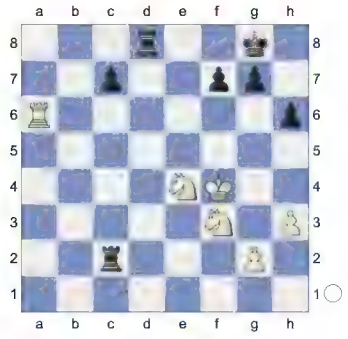
(Diagram)



29...Nd3!∓ &Nero is more active. **30.Bd2 Nxf2**

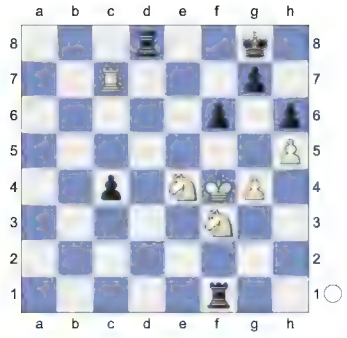


31.Rxa6 Rh1+ 32.Kg3 Ne4+ 33.Kf4 Nxd2 34.Ncxd2 Rc1 Prevents Rc6.
35.Ne4 Rc2



36.g4 Rc1 37.h4 c5 -0.01/22
[37...Rd3∓ -0.34/20 38.Nf2 Rd6 39.Ra8+ Kh7]
38.Rc6= c4 39.Rc7 f6
[39...Rf1!? 40.Kg3 *(40.Rxc4? Rd3-+)* 40...Rd3 41.Rc8+ Kh7=]
40.h5 Rf1

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...Rd4. **41.Kg3**
[But not 41.Rxc4 Rd3 42.Kf5 *(42.Rc8+? Kf7-+)* 42...Rfxf3+∓]
41...Rd3 42.Ned2 -0.79/28
[42.Nf2= 0.01/21 keeps the balance. Rc3 43.Rc8+ Kh7 44.Kg2]
42...Rd1 43.Nxc4 -2.65/31 Now White is beyond hope.
[43.Ne4∓ -1.00/25]
43...Rc1-+ 44.Rc8+ Kh7 45.Kf2? -6.15/28
[45.Nd6 -3.02/26 Rf1 46.Nf7 Rfxf3+ 47.Kh2]
45...Rc2+

46.Kg3 Rcc3 47.Nd6 Rxf3+ Endgame KRR-KRN **48.Kg2 Rg3+ 49.Kf2 Rxc8 50.Kxg3** KR-KN
50...Rc3+

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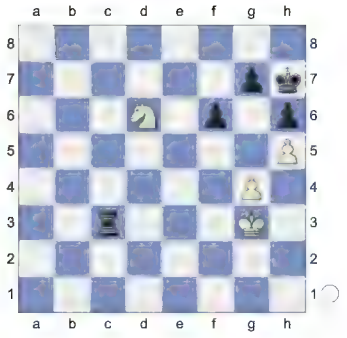
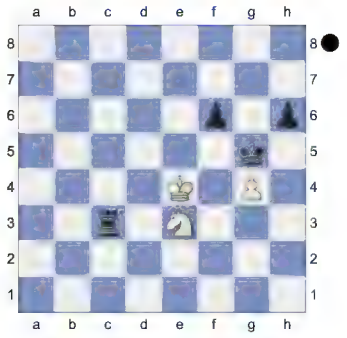
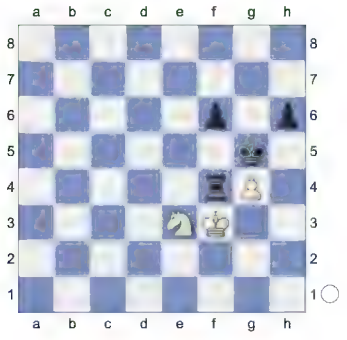


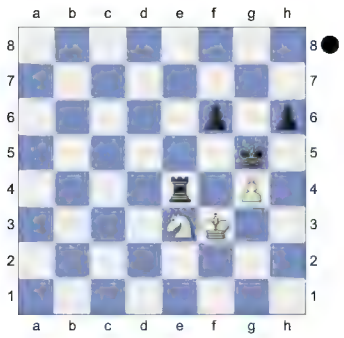
51.Kf4 g5+ 52.hxg6+ Kxg6 53.Nf5 Rc4+ 54.Kf3 Kg5 (→ ...Rf4+) **55.Ne3 Rf4+** -14.28/32
[⌓55...Rc3 -#17/25 56.Ke4



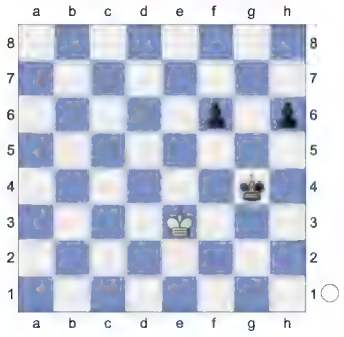
Rxe3+! 57.Kxe3 Kxg4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/Black=0.11 (very precise) 58.Kf2 h5 59.Kg2 f5 60.Kh2 h4 61.Kg1 Kg3 62.Kh1 f4 63.Kg1 h3 64.Kh1 f3 65.Kg1 f2+ 66.Kf1 h2 67.Ke2 h1Q 68.Kd3 f1Q+ 69.Kd4 Qc6 70.Ke3 Qf2+ 71.Kd3 Qcc2# 0-1 (72) Kamsky,G (2609)-Gustafsson,J (2604) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat]]



56.Kg3 Re4 57.Kf3



Rxe3+! 58.Kxe3 Kxg4



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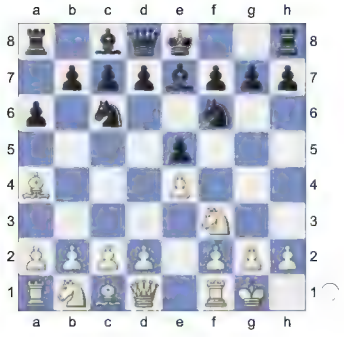
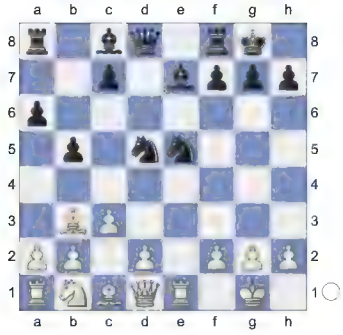
30 **C89**
□ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2624**
■ **Brunello,S** **2514**
27th Open 2024 (4.1) 29.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

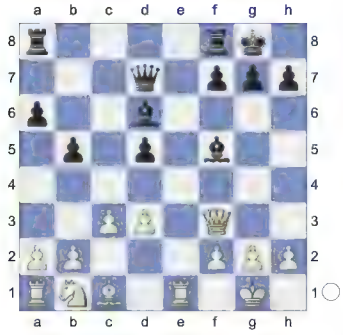
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
13...Bf5 scores better than 13...Qh4.
13...Lf5 punktet besser als 13...Dh4.
14.Qf3 Qd7 Strongly threatening ...Bg4.
15.Bxd5 cxd5



16.Bf4! Bxf4 The position is equal.
[16...Rfe8 17.Nd2 Bxf4 18.Qxf4 Bxd3 19.Nb3 *(19.Re3 Be2 20.Nb3 Rxe3 21.Qxe3 Re8 22.Qd2 Bh5 23.f3 f6 24.Rd1 Bf7 25.Nd4 Qc7 26.Re1 Re5 27.Re3 g6 28.Qe2 b4 29.Qd2 Rxe3 30.Qxe3 Qc4 31.b3 Qxc3 32.Qxc3 bxc3 33.Kf2 g5* Zagrebelny,S (2490)-Barcenilla,R (2465) Kuala Lumpur 1993 ½-½ (99) *)* 19...Qc6 20.Qd2 Bg6 21.Nd4 Qd6 22.h3 h6 23.Re2 Re4 24.Rae1 Rae8 Louvrier Saint Mary,J (2654)-Jud,M (2588) Fusagasuga 2003 Telechess CBM 89 [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001]]
17.Qxf4 d4N
[17...Bxd3 18.Nd2 a5 *(18...Rae8*

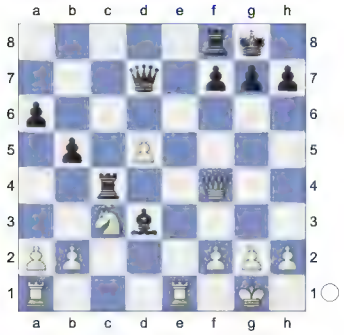
19.Re3 Rxe3 20.Qxe3 Bg6 21.Re1 h6 22.Nb3 Rc8 23.a3 Qc7 24.Nd4 Qc4 25.h4 a5 26.h5 Bxh5 27.Nf5 Rf8 28.Qe5 Qg4 29.Nxg7 Bg6 30.Ne8 Qg5 31.Qg7# 1-0 (31) Trompowsky Attack,C (2540)-Sanders, T (2480) San Diego 1989 Mega2017 Updates [Telescacco 7-98]) 19.Nb3 Bg6 20.a3 h6 21.h3 Qc6 22.Qd4 Qc4 23.Nc5 Qxd4 24.cxd4 ½-½ Mammadzada,G (2449)-Abdumalik,Z (2497) KAZ-World Blitz (Women) 2023 (2.2)]

18.cxd4 Rac8 1.05/20

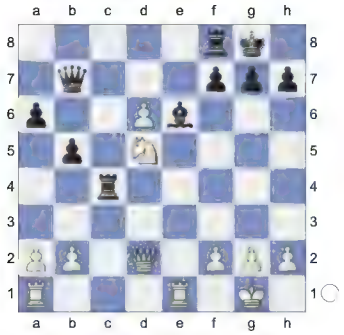
[18...Rad8± 0.58/20 might be stronger.]

19.Nc3± Bxd3 20.d5 Rc4 2.27/21

[20...Qf5± 1.28/21 21.Qxf5 Bxf5]



21.Qd2!+- Bf5 22.d6 Be6 23.Nd5 Qb7



Prevents Nb6. **24.b3! Rc5 25.Ne7+ Kh8**

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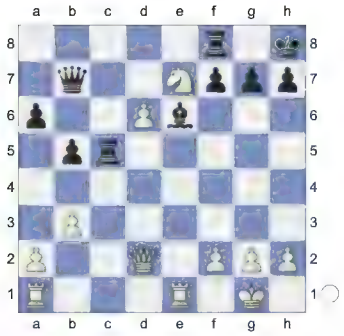
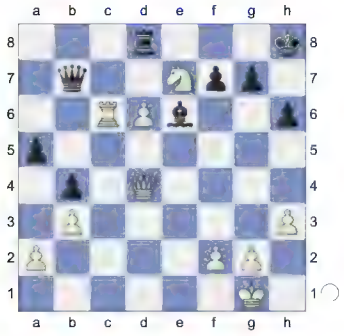


26.Rac1 Rxc1 27.Rxc1

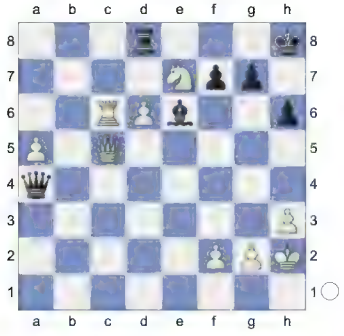
[Much less strong is 27.Qxc1?! Qd7+-]

27...h6 28.h3 Rd8 29.Rc6 b4 30.Qd4 Rb6 is the strong threat. **30...a5?** 4.82/24

[30...Qb5 2.60/21 31.Kh2 a5]



31.Qc5 a4 32.bxa4 b3 33.axb3 Qxb3 34.a5 Qd1+ 35.Kh2 Qa4



White is clearly winning. **36.a6** 7.63/21

[⌓36.Qb6 15.42/20 Re8

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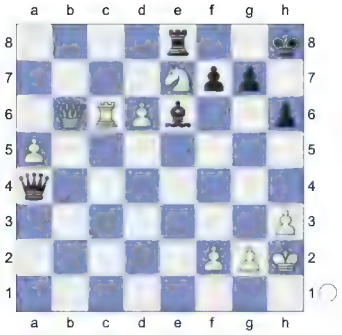
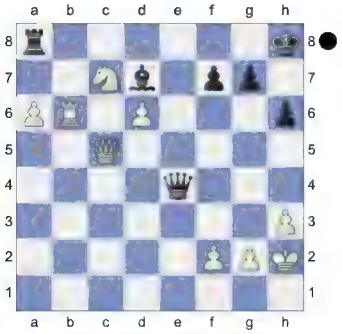


37.d7! Qf4+ 38.g3]
36...Ra8 37.Nd5 Qe4 38.Nc7 Bd7 39.Rb6



White took control after the opening.
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31 **C89**
□ **Slabovid4** **2635**
■ **Trofimov Matvey14** **2421**
Rapid 29.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

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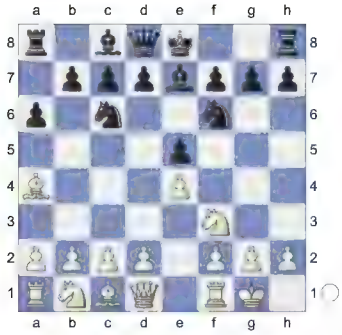
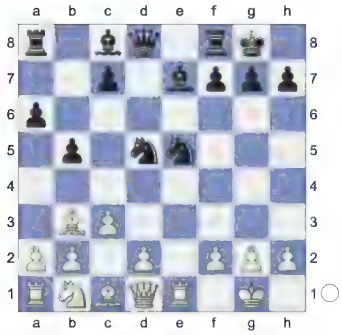


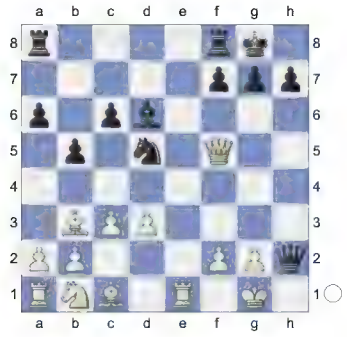
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.Qxf5 -0.01/22
[Much weaker is 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
[15.g3!± 0.37/22 is superior.
A) 15...Qh3 16.Be3 *(16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5 20.h3 Bh5 21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4 fxe4 23.dxe4 Bf3+ 24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Kf3 Rf4+ 28.Kg3 Re4 29.Kf3 Rf4+ ½-½ (29) Hammari,V (2120)-Aamodt,P (2188) Budapest 2024)*
16...Bxd3 17.Nd2 Qf5 18.Bd4 Rfe8 19.a4 h6 20.Kg2 Kf8 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Qxf5 Bxf5 24.Bxd5 cxd5 25.Ra6 Be7 26.Nf1 b4 27.Ne3 Bd3 28.Ra5 bxc3 29.bxc3 Bd8 30.Ra8 Deslandes,P (2782)-C 06/32 (2812) Bulgaria 2014 Lexikon09 [Mulde] 1-0 (66);

B) 15...Qf6 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qxd5]

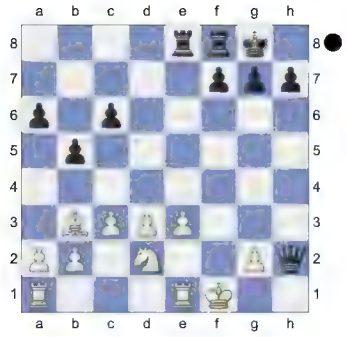
15...Qxh2+=



16.Kf1 Rae8 The position is equal. **17.Be3N** -8.06/22 Now White is beyond hope.

[17.Rxe8= 0.01/23 Rxe8 18.Be3 Qh1+ 19.Ke2 g6 20.Qf3 Qc1 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.Qxd5 Bf8 Marshall 12. d3 (14... Qh4) A-15. Qxf5]

17...Nf4-+ 18.Qxf4 Bxf4 19.Nd2 Bxe3 20.fxe3



Qh6 -3.48/20

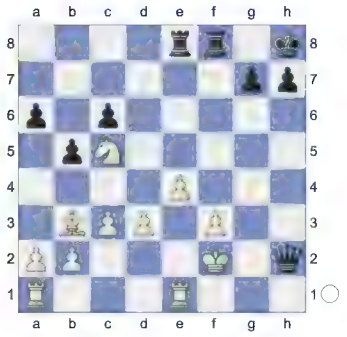
[⌓20...Rxe3!! -7.17/21 White must now prevent ...Rg3. 21.Nf3 Rxf3+! 22.gxf3 a5]

(Diagram)

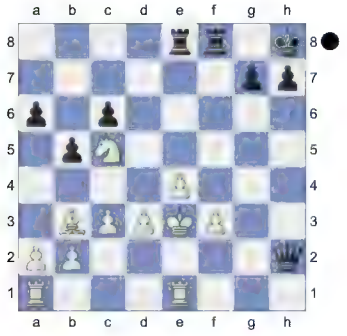
21.Ne4 -5.93/21

[21.Kf2 -3.48/20 is the only way for White.]

21...Kh8 Hoping for ...f5. **22.Kf2 f5 23.Nc5 f4** (→ ...f3!) **24.e4 f3 25.gxf3 Qh2+**



26.Ke3

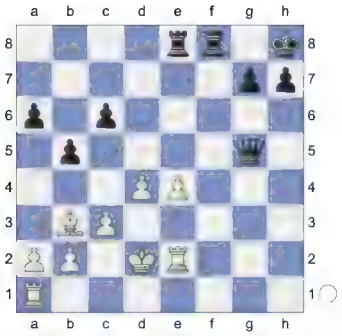


Qf4+ -10.61/22

[⌓26...Rxf3+!! -#5/12 27.Kxf3 Rf8+ 28.Bf7 Rxf7+ 29.Kg4 Rf4+ 30.Kg5 Qh6#]

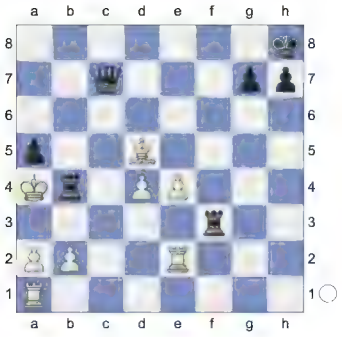
27.Ke2 Qxf3+ 28.Kd2 Qf2+ 29.Re2 Qxc5 30.d4 Qg5+

(Diagram)



31.Kc2 c5 32.Bd5 cxd4 33.cxd4 Rc8+ 34.Kb3 Rf3+ 35.Kb4 Qe7+

Black mates. **36.Ka5 Qc7+ 37.Kb4 a5+ 38.Kxb5 Rb8+ 39.Ka4 Rb4#**



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32 **C89**

□ **Mayhem23111** **3016**

■ **Buletten Karl** **3020**

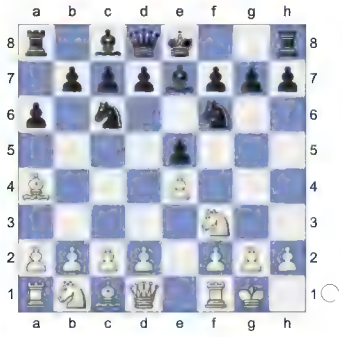
Blitz 29.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

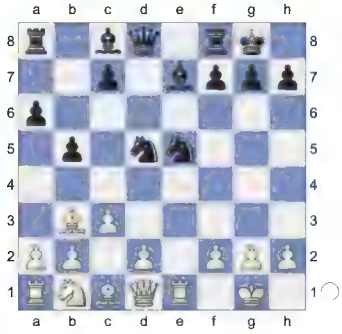
Blitz 3min+1sec

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3

[12.d4 keeps more tension. Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3]

12...a5 13.Re1 a4 14.Bc2 White is slightly better. **14...Bf5 15.a3 Qd7**

[15...Bd6 16.Nd2 Qh4 17.g3 Qh3 18.Ne4 Rae8 19.Nxd6 Bg4 20.Nxe8 Bxd1 21.Bxd1 Qd7 22.Nxg7 Kxg7 23.Kg2 Re8 24.Bg4 Qd8 25.Rd1 Qf6 26.h4 Re5 27.h5 Rf5 28.h6+ Kg6 29.Rf1 Qe6 30.Bd2 mayhem23111 (3065)-Patriciabot (2851) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0

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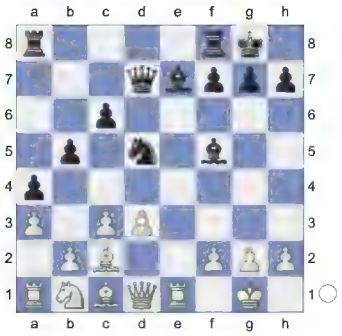
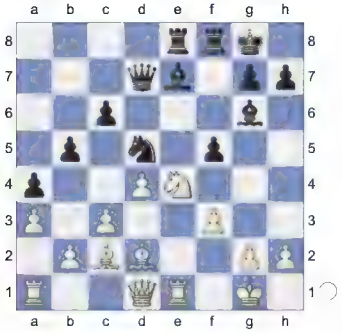


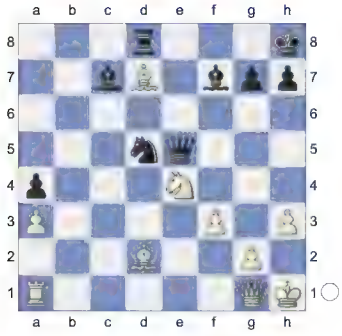
16.Nd2 Rae8N
[16...Bg4 17.f3 Be6 18.Nf1 Rae8 19.d4 Bd6 20.Bg5 f5 21.Bh4 Kh8 22.Qd2 Rg8 23.Bf2 g5 24.Ne3 Ref8 25.c4 Nxe3 26.Bxe3 bxc4 27.Bxg5 Bd5 28.h4 Rf7 29.Qf2 Rg6 30.Qd2 Bg3 31.Kf1 Fracasso Fuellbeck,M (2532)-Skopec,L (2550) Cuba 2019 CYB 12 [Herbold,M] ½-½ (35) Rfg7 32.Qe3 Re6 33.Qd2 Reg6 34.Qe3 Re6 35.Qd2 Reg6 ½-½ (35) Emelyanov,M (2532)-Sasikiran,K (2550) ICCF 2019 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Buric,Slavko]]
17.Ne4 Bg4 18.f3 Bh5 19.d4 0.08/19
[19.c4± 0.42/17 Nc7 20.Be3]
19...Bg6 20.Bd2 f5



21.Nf2 Qc7 22.b3! Bd6 23.h3 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 c5 0.94/20
[24...Nb6± 0.45/21]
25.bxa4±
[Reject 25.Qe6+ Bf7 26.Qxf5 g6=]
25...Kh8

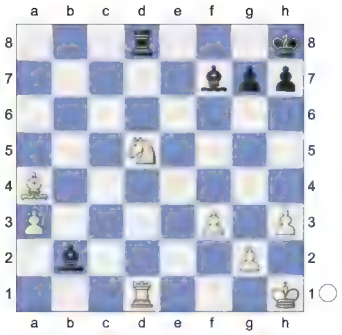
Strongly threatening ...cxd4. **26.Qc1** 0.23/19
[26.dxc5!± 0.89/20 Qxc5 27.axb5]
26...Re8!= 27.Kh1 cxd4 28.cxd4 And now Bb3 would win. **28...Qb6**
[Don't play 28...Re2 29.Bb3! Qxc1+ 30.Rxc1±]
29.Bd3 -0.01/21
[29.Bb3± 0.42/20 is superior. Qxd4 30.Bxd5 Qxd5 31.a5]
29...bxa4 30.Qc4 Bf7

31.Bxf5 Qb2 32.Qc1 Qxd4 33.Ne4 Bc7 aiming for ...Qe5. **34.Qg1 Qe5 35.Bd7 Rd8**



36.Bxa4 Bb6
(Diagram)

37.Bc3! Qxc3 38.Nxc3 Bxg1 39.Nxd5 Bd4 40.Rd1 Bb2

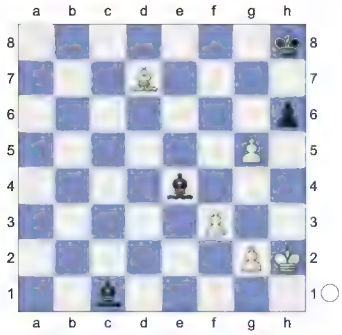


41.Rb1! Bxa3 42.Nc3 Rc8!

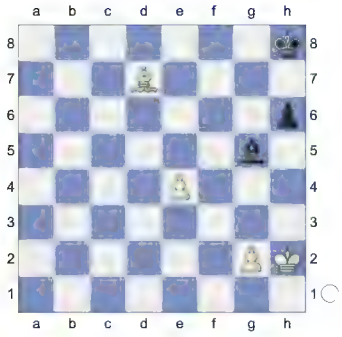
43.Ne2 0.48/19
[Better is 43.Rb7!± 0.83/20]
43...Bc4 44.Nc3 0.01/17
[44.Bb5± 0.40/20 Bg8 45.Ra1]
44...Bf7 This bishop pair is nice. **45.Ne4 Rc1+**

(Diagram)

46.Rxc1 Bxc1± KBB-KBN **47.h4 h6 48.Kh2 g5 49.Bd7 Bg6 50.hxg5 Bxe4**



51.fxe4 Black must now prevent gxh6.
51...Bxg5



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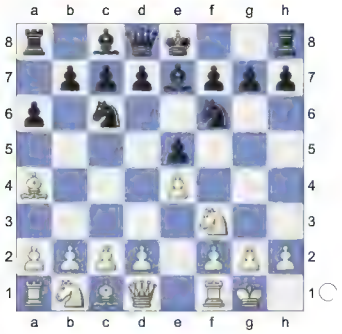
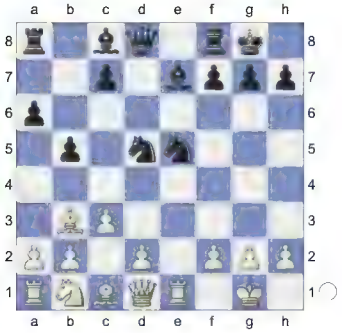
½-½

33 **C89**
□ **Zoe_ChessBot** **2776**
■ **caissa-x** **2809**
Classical 28.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

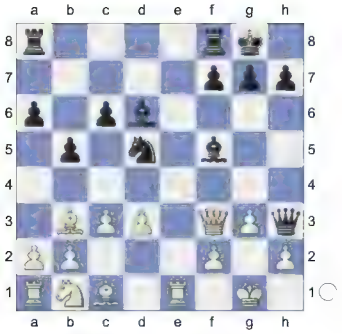
Rapid 30min+30sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



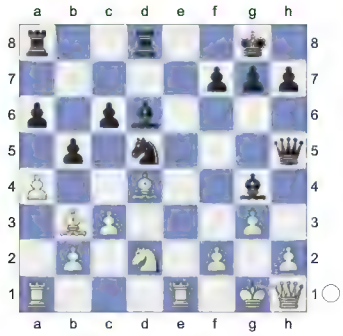
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



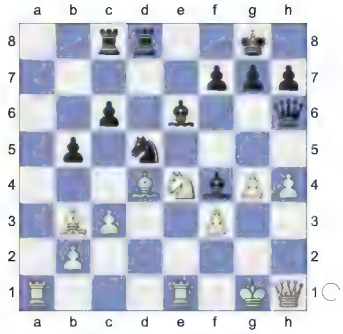
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



16.Be3 Bxd3 White has an edge.
[16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
17.Nd2 Bf5
[Much less strong is 17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]
18.Bd4 Rfd8
[18...Bg4 19.Qg2 Rfd8 20.Ne4 Bf8 21.Bd1 h6 22.Qxh3 Bxh3 23.Bf3 Rac8 24.Rad1 c5 25.Be5 Be6 26.g4 Be7 27.Ng3 g6 28.Ne4 Rd7 29.h4 Rcd8 30.g5 hxg5 31.hxg5 Bf5 32.Nf6+ Nxf6 33.gxf6 Vachier Lagrave,M (2737)-Ding,L (2811) Danzhou 2022 ½-½ (95)]
19.a4 Bg4 20.Qh1N Black must now prevent axb5.
[20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Be6 22.Ne4 *(22.axb5 axb5 23.Ne4 Bf8 24.Bc2 Nc7* 15. g3,1-N,N Marshall 12. d3 (14… Qh4) A) 22...Nxc3 23.Bxe6 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 fxe6 15. g3,1-N,N Marshall 12. d3 (14... Qh4) A]
20...Qh5

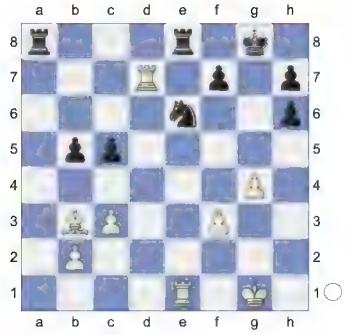


21.h4 Rac8 22.f3 Be6 23.g4 Qh6 24.Ne4 Bf4 25.axb5 axb5

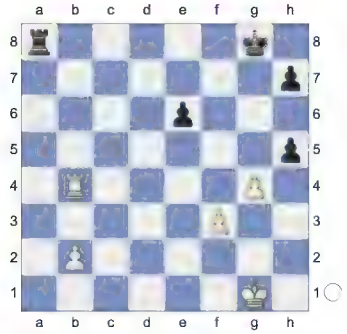


26.Nc5 Bg3 27.Re4 Bxh4 28.Qh2 Re8 29.Re5 Strongly threatening Rh5. **29...Bf6 30.Qxh6 gxh6**

31.Re4 Bxd4+ 32.Rxd4 Nc7 33.Nxe6 Nxe6 34.Rd7 Ra8 35.Re1 c5



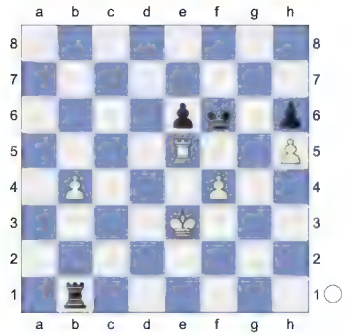
36.Bxe6 Rxe6 37.Rxe6 fxe6= Endgame KR-KR **38.Rb7 b4 39.cxb4 cxb4 40.Rxb4 h5**



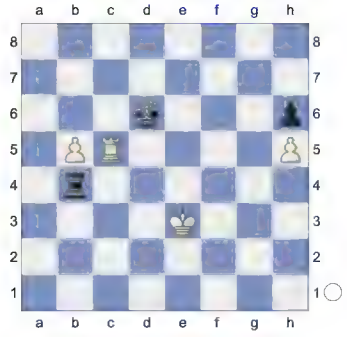
41.gxh5 Kg7 42.Rb5 Ra1+ 43.Kf2 Kf6 44.f4 h6 45.b4 Ra3

(Diagram)

46.Re5 Ra4 47.Re4! Kf5 1.08/27
[⌓47...Ra3 0.73/25]
48.Kf3± Ra1 49.Re5+ Kf6 50.Ke3 Rb1

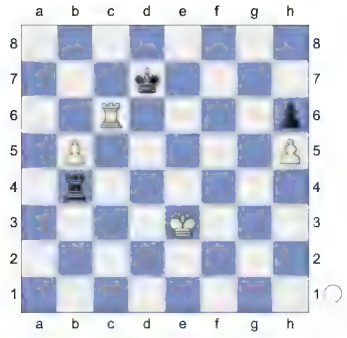


51.b5 Rb4 52.Rc5 Ke7! 53.f5 exf5 Remove Defender **54.Rxf5 Ke6 55.Rc5 Kd6** 1.16/31
[⌓55...Kd7 0.74/26]

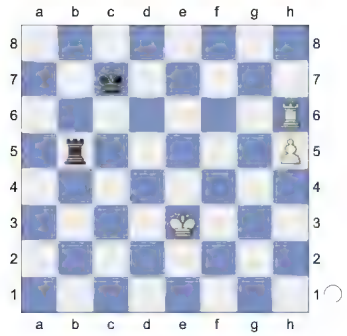


56.Rc6+ Kd7

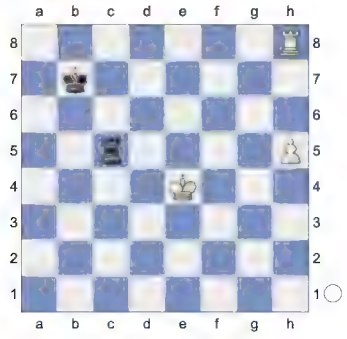
(Diagram)



57.Rb6!
[Of course not 57.Rxh6?! Rxb5 58.Rh8 Ke6=]
57...Kc7 58.Rxh6 Rxb5

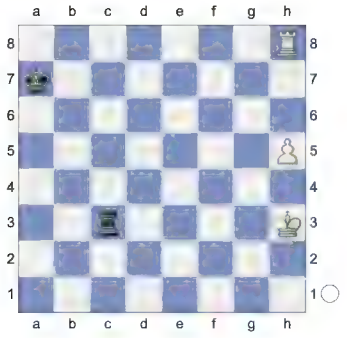


59.Rh8! Kb7 60.Ke4 Rc5

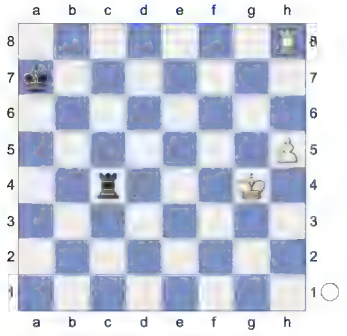


61.Kf4 Ka7 62.Kg4
[Don't do 62.h6 Rc4+ 63.Kg3 Rc3+ 64.Kg2 Rc2+ 65.Kf3 Rc6+-]
62...Rc4+ 63.Kg5 Rc5+ 64.Kg4 0.01/25
[Better is 64.Kg6± 1.26/28 Rc6+ 65.Kg7]
64...Rc4+= 65.Kh3 Rc3+

(Diagram)



66.Kg4 0.01/25
[66.Kg2± 1.41/28]
66...Rc4+



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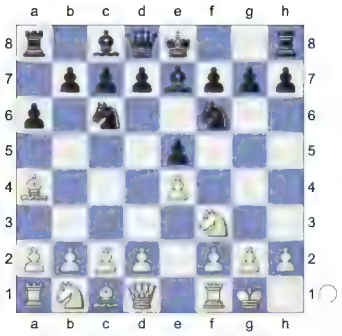
½-½

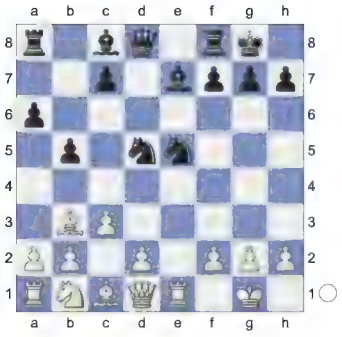
34	**C89**
□ **Integralbot**	**2945**
■ **Caissa,X**	**3036**
Blitz	27.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]	

Blitz 3min+2sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)



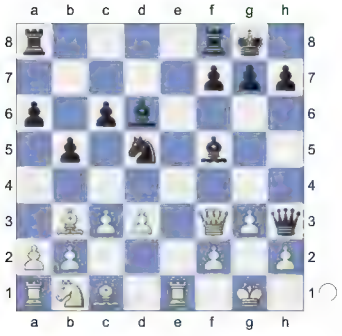
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3!

[Of course not 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]

15...Qh3



16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5

(Diagram)

20.h3! 0.11/21 **Bh5=**

[Don't take 20...fxe4 21.hxg4 exd3 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Be3±]

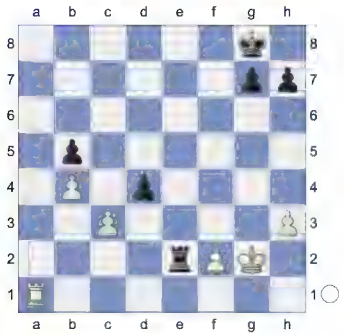
21.Bf4! Bxf4 22.gxf4 Hoping for Bxd5+. **22...fxe4 23.dxe4** Pin **23...Bf3+! 24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg2N**

[25.Kg3 Rfxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.f3 *(27.Kf3)* 27...Re2 28.c4 Lesson Spanish Mainline-Marshall Gambit 8... d5 9. ex,1 bxc4 29.Bxc4 Rxb2 30.Bxa6 g5 31.Bc4 Kg7 32.Bxd5 cxd5 33.a4 h5 34.h4 Kg6 35.a5 Rb7 36.a6 Ra7 37.hxg5 Kxg5 38.Ra5 h4+ 39.Kh3 Kf4 40.Rxd5 Rxa6 41.Kxh4 Rh6+ 42.Rh5 Rxh5+ 43.Kxh5 10.♗c2 c5 11.♘bd2_15267 (2756)-Trevelyan,J (2812) Andorra 2019 200 Traps In The Opening [List, Paul M] ½-½ (43) Kxf3]

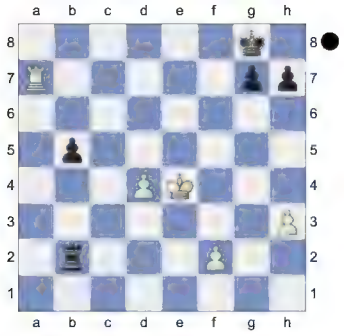
25...Rfxe4

(Diagram)

26.Rxe4 Rxe4 Endgame KRB-KRN **27.a4** White wants to play axb5. **27...Re2! 28.axb5 axb5 29.Bxd5+ cxd5** KR-KR **30.b4 d4**



31.cxd4 The position is equal. **31...Rb2 32.Kf3 Rxb4 33.Ke4 Rb2 34.Ra7**



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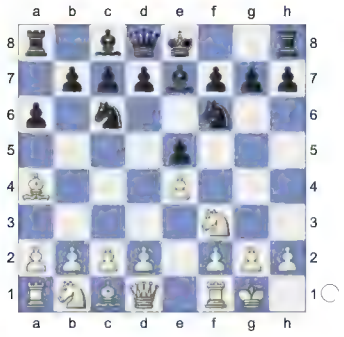
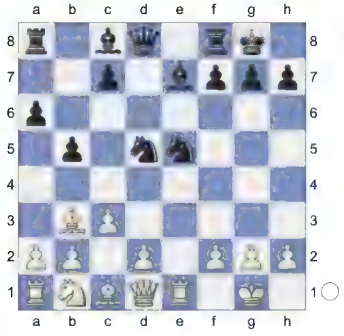
35 **C89**
□ **Mayhem23111** **3008**
■ **Caissa,X** **3036**
Blitz 27.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

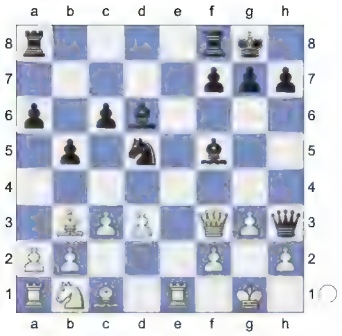


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

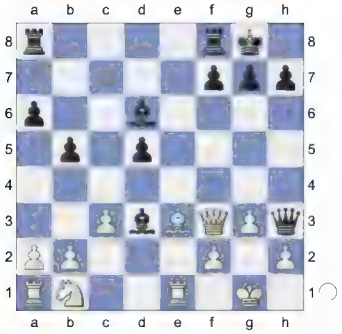


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3!
[Much weaker is 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

(Diagram)

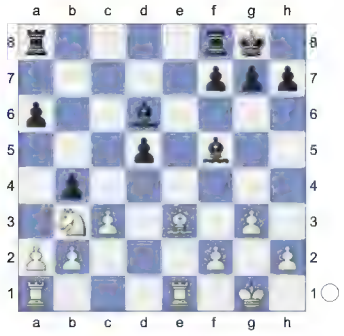


16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Be3 Bxd3
[17...Rad8 seems wilder. 18.Nd2 Bg4 19.Qxd5 Bxg3 20.Qg2 Bc7]

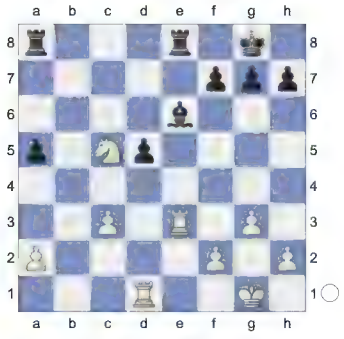


And now ...Be4 would win. **18.Nd2N** Against Be4
[18.Qxd5 Rad8 19.Qf3 *(19.Qxd3 Bxg3* The Dangerous D3-A23 Be3 Fighting the Ruy Lopez [Milos Pavlovic] *)*
A) 19...Bc4 20.Nd2 Be6 21.Bd4 Bb8 22.Qg2 Qh5 23.f3 *(23.a4 b4 24.Qf3 Qh3 25.Qd3 a5 26.Nf3 h6 27.cxb4 axb4 28.Qe3 Bd5 29.Bc5 Bd6 30.Nh4 Ba8 31.Bxd6 Rxd6 32.Rad1 Rxd1 33.Rxd1 Qc8 34.Qd3 Qc6 35.f3 Qxa4* 12.♔d2 Survey 1995 (35) *)* 23...Qg6 24.a3 h5 25.Re2 Rd5 26.Rae1 Rfd8 27.Ne4 Bd6 28.Qf2 Rf5 29.Nxd6 ½-½ (29) Anand,V (2799)-Aronian,L (2739) Nice (rapid) 102/(258) 2008 CI1-130 [RR];
B) 19...Rfe8 20.Nd2 Qf5 21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.Bd4 f6 23.f3 b4 24.Ne4 Bc7 25.Kf2 bxc3 26.bxc3 Rb8 27.Re2 Kf7 28.Rd1 h5 29.Bc5 Kg6 30.Bd4 1-0 (30) Carlsen,M (2826)-Vallejo Pons,F (2697) Khanty Mansiysk 2010 CBM 139 [ChessBase];
C) 19...f5 20.Nd2 f4 21.Bd4 fxg3 22.Qd5+ Kh8 23.hxg3 Bf4 24.Qb7 Rxd4 25.cxd4 Bxd2 26.Qf3 Qf5 27.Qxf5 Bxf5 28.Re5 Kg8 29.Rd1 Bb4 30.Rc1 Bd6 31.Rd5 Bb8 32.Re1 h6 Naiditsch,A (2571)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2652) Germany 2004 EXT 2005 [ChessBase] 1-0 (61)]

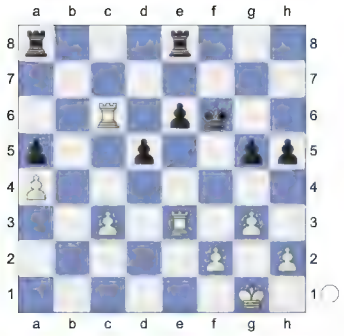
18...Qf5 19.Qxf5 Bxf5 This bishop pair is nice. **20.Nb3 b4**



21.Rad1 Be6 22.Bc5 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 bxc3 24.bxc3 Rfe8 25.Re3 a5 0.41/21
[25...Bg4!= 0.06/21 is superior. 26.Rxd5 Rxe3 27.fxe3 Rb8]



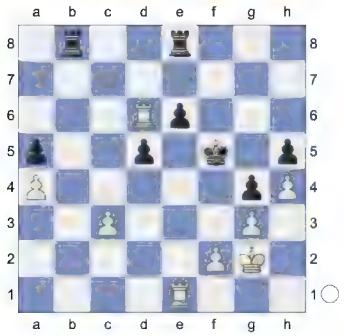
26.Nxe6± fxe6 Endgame KRR-KRR **27.Rb1 Kf7 28.Rb6 g5 29.Rc6 Kf6 30.a4 h5**



31.h3 Kf5 32.Kg2 g4 33.h4 Rab8 34.Re1 0.06/23

[34.Ra6± 0.41/24 might be stronger.]

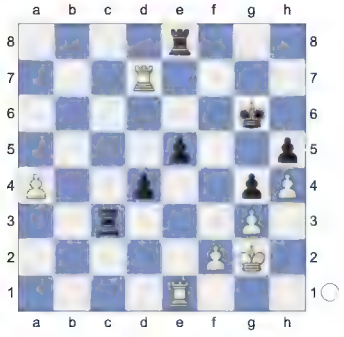
34...Rb2= 35.Rd6 Rbb8



36.Ra6 Rbc8 37.Rxa5 Rxc3 38.Ra7 e5 39.Rh7 0.01/20

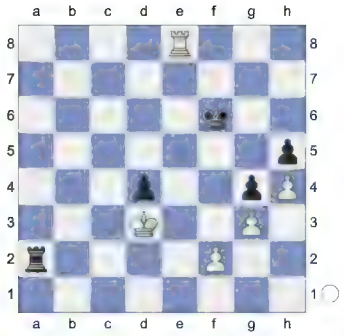
[39.Rg7± 0.48/20]

39...Kg6 40.Rd7 d4

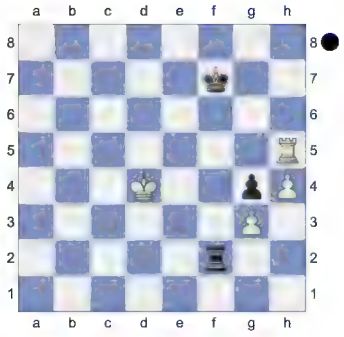


41.Rxd4 exd4 The position is equal. **42.Rxe8** KR-KR **42...Kf6 43.Kf1 Ra3 44.Ke2 Rxa4 45.Kd3 Ra2**

(Diagram)



46.Kxd4 Kf7 Prevents Rf8+. **47.Re5 Rxf2 48.Rxh5**



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36 **C89**

□ **berval** **2564**

■ **kahvitauko** **2543**

Blitz 26.10.2024

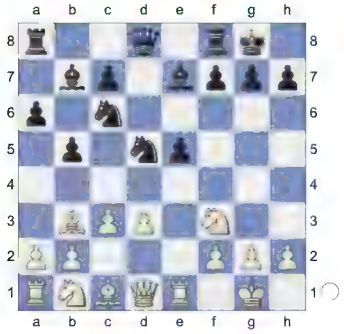
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Ubilava,E: 'Inf 75/(317)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

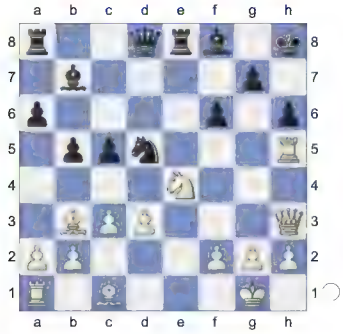
(Diagram)

6.Bb3 b5 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.d3
[10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Qf5 16.Nd2 Qg6 17.Re1 f5 18.a4 Rb8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Nf3 f4 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 fxg3 23.fxg3 Bg4 24.Qe1 Bh3 Anand,V (2781)-Adams, M (2716) Dos Hermanas 1999 CI1-130 [Ubilava,Elizbar] ½-½]
10...Bb7



11.Nbd2N
[11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Qd7 13.Qf3 Rad8 14.Nd2 c5 15.Ne4 c4 16.dxc4 Nf6 17.Be3 Nxe4 18.Rxe4 Qd3 19.Rd4 Bxf3 20.Rxd3 Rxd3 21.gxf3 Bf6 22.Kg2 Rd7 23.cxb5 axb5 24.f4 ½-½ (24) Spassky,B (2620)-Polgar Zsuzsa (2485) Cannes (France) 1987]
[11.a4 b4 *(11...Qd7 12.axb5 axb5 13.Rxa8 Rxa8 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Ra1 16.Bc2 c5* 10. d3 #2-N, N Marshall Sidelines) 12.a5 Kh8 13.d4 bxc3 14.bxc3 exd4 15.cxd4 Ncb4 16.Bc4 c5 17.Bb2 cxd4 18.Qxd4 Bf6 19.Qd2 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Nf4 21.Qxb4 Bxf3 22.g3 Qd4 23.Ra2 Nd3 24.Rd2 Nxb4 25.Rxd4 Nc2 Vaishali,R (2475)-Lagno,K (2542) Toronto, Canada 2024 [Harry Grieve] 0-1]
11...Re8 0.50/18
[11...Nf4= -0.04/17]
12.Nxe5± Nxe5 13.Rxe5 White is slightly better. **13...c5?** 2.56/19
[13...Nf6± 0.68/17]
14.Ne4? 0.80/18
[14.Qf3+- 2.56/19 is the precise move to win.]
14...f6 15.Rh5 &Bianco is more active.
15...Bf8 2.08/21
[15...Qd7± 1.36/19 keeps fighting.]

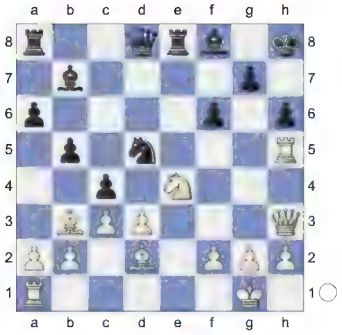
16.Qg4 Threatens to win with Bd2.
16...Kh8? 7.60/22
[16...g6 1.71/20]
17.Qh3 h6



18.Bd2? 1.84/21
[18.Bxh6! 5.89/21 gxh6 19.Rxh6+

Bxh6 20.Qxh6+ Kg8 21.Nxf6+ Kf7 22.Nxe8 Kxe8 23.Qh5+ Kd7 24.Bxd5]

18...c4+-



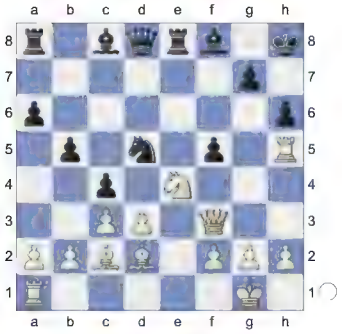
19.Bc2 0.82/18

[19.dxc4!+- 1.81/21 and White stays clearly on top. bxc4 20.Bc2]

19...Bc8 1.36/19

[⌓19...cxd3 0.82/18 20.Bxd3 *(20.Qxd3 Nb4=)* 20...Re5]

20.Qf3± f5



21.Ng3 Ra7 2.33/19

[21...cxd3 1.71/19 might work better. 22.Bxd3 *(22.Qxd3 Nf6±)* 22...Ra7]

22.d4? 0.66/18

[22.Nxf5 Nf6]

[22.Bg5+- 2.33/19 Nf6 23.Nxf5]

22...Nf6 1.41/19

[22...g6± 0.66/18]

23.Rh4 0.68/20

[Don't take 23.Bxf5?! Nxh5 24.Qxh5 *(24.Nxh5? Rf7-+)* 24...Bxf5 25.Nxf5 Kh7=]

[23.Nxf5?! Bb7 24.Qh3 Nxh5 25.Qxh5 Qd5±]

[Better is 23.Rxf5± 1.41/19 Bxf5 24.Qxf5]

23...Ne4 24.Rxe4 fxe4 25.Bxe4 Qf6 1.65/20

[25...Bd6± 0.86/19]

26.h3 0.66/18

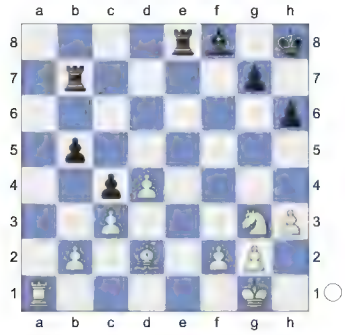
[26.Qxf6+- 1.65/20 gxf6 27.a4]

26...Qxf3 27.Bxf3 Rae7 28.a4 Bb7 29.Bxb7 0.67/21

[29.Nf5± 1.23/20]

29...Rxb7± 30.axb5 axb5 0.82/22

[30...Rxb5± 0.40/23 31.Bf4 *(31.Rxa6 Rxb2 32.Nf1 Kg8∓)* 31...Rxb2]



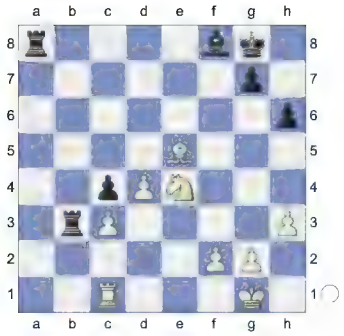
31.Bf4 b4 32.Be5 bxc3 33.bxc3 Rb3 34.Rc1 0.45/20

[34.Ne4± 0.85/21]

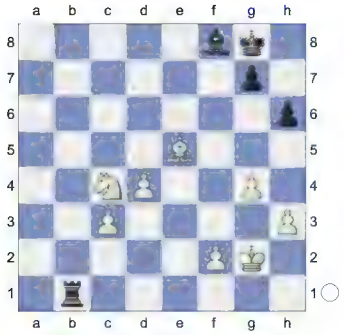
34...Ra8 35.Ne4 Kg8 1.33/21

[Black should play 35...Ra2± 0.43/21]

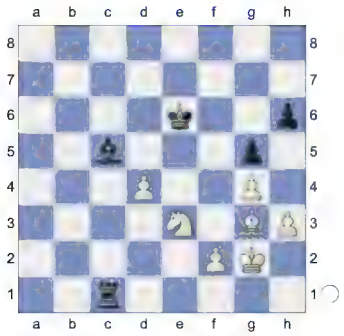
(Diagram)



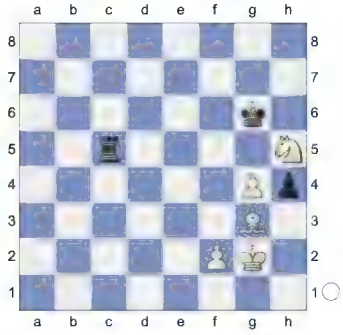
36.g4 0.63/21
[36.Nd2± 1.33/21]
36...Ra7 1.11/20
[36...Rba3± 0.63/21]
37.Kg2± Rab7 1.73/20
[37...Rba3± 1.11/19]
38.Nd2+- Rb2 39.Nxc4 Rb1 3.30/22
[39...Re2= -0.01/19 and Black is okay.]
40.Rxb1 Rxb1



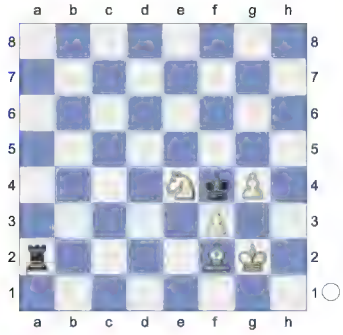
Endgame KRB-KBN **41.Ne3 Kf7 42.c4 Ke6 43.Bf4 g5 44.Bg3 Rc1** 3.64/23
[⌓44...Kd7 2.42/21 45.Be5 Re1]
45.c5 Bxc5? 6.15/22
[45...Kd7 3.30/23 46.Kf3 Rh1]



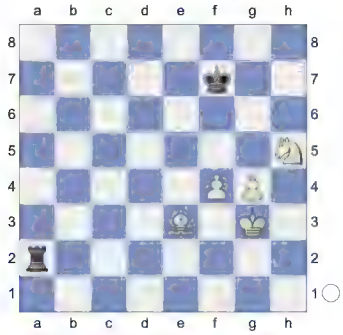
46.dxc5 Rxc5 47.Nf5 h5 48.Ng7+ Kf6 49.Nxh5+ Kg6 50.h4 gxh4



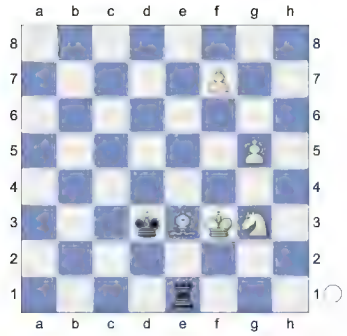
51.Bxh4 Rc4 52.f3 Rc2+ 53.Bf2 aiming for f4. **53...Ra2 54.Ng3 Kg5=** -0.01/21 **55.Ne4+ Kf4**



56.Ng3? -0.01/21
[56.Nc5+- 6.24/24 Rd2 57.Ne6+ Ke5 58.Ng5]
56...Rc2? 6.07/23
[56...Kg5= -0.01/21 57.Nh5 Rb2]
57.Nh5+ Kg5 58.Kg3 Ra2 59.Be3+ Kg6 60.f4 Kf7

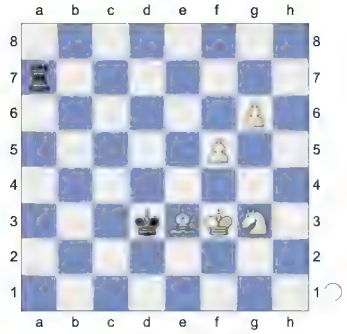


61.Kf3 Ke6 62.Ng3 Kd5 63.f5 Hoping for g5. **63...Kc4 64.g5 Kd3 65.g6** 12.99/16
[⌓65.f6 #13/17 Ra1 66.f7 Re1



67.f8Q! Rxe3+ 68.Kf4 Re1 69.g6 Kc2 70.g7]

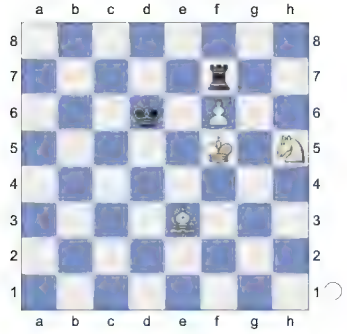
65...Ra7



66.g7 4.95/16

[⌓66.Bxa7 #9/15 Kc4 67.g7 Kb3 68.g8Q+ Kc3 69.Ne4+ Kb4 70.Qb8+ Ka3 71.f6 Ka4 72.Nc5+ Ka5 73.Qb6#]

66...Rxg7 67.f6 Rf7 68.Nh5 Kc4 69.Kf4 Kd5 70.Kf5 Kd6



71.Bg5 Kd7 72.Kg6 Ke8 73.Nf4 6.17/25

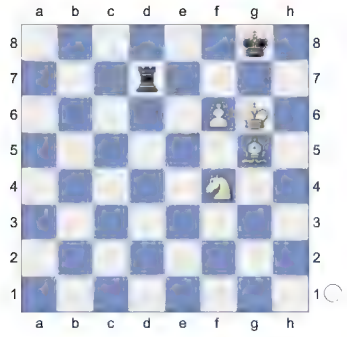
[⌓73.Ng7+ #15/24 Kf8 74.Bh6 Rd7 75.Nf5+ Ke8 76.f7+ Rxf7 77.Nd6+ Ke7 78.Nxf7]

73...Kf8= 0.01/28 **74.Ne6+ Kg8 75.Nf4?** 0.01/28

[75.Be3 #18/24 mates Rd7 76.Bc5 Rh7 77.Bb4 Rf7 78.Be7 Rh7 79.Bb4 Rf7 80.Be7]

75...Rd7? 9.72/31

[75...Kf8= 0.01/28 76.Ne6+ Ke8 ⌓77.Ng7+ #15/24 Kf8 78.Be3 Kg8 79.Nf5 Kf8 80.Bh6+ Ke8 81.Nd6+ Kd8 82.Nxf7+ Kd7]



76.Nd5!

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1-0

37 **C89**

□ **Noraorange** **2996**

■ **Bulettenkarl1** **2997**

Blitz 26.10.2024

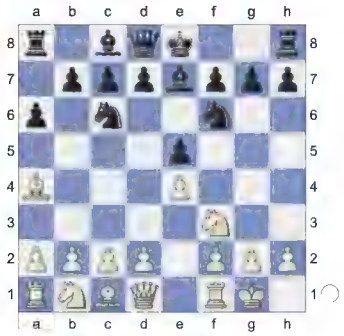
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec

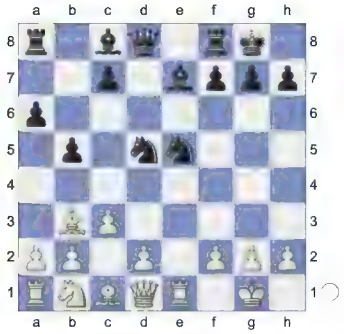
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4

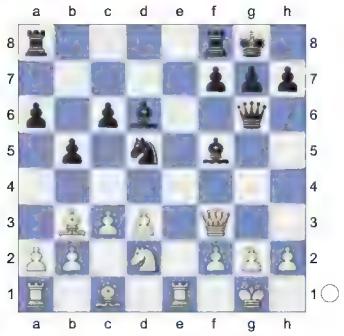
Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

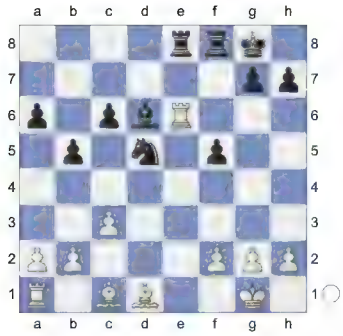


11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qf6 15.Nd2! Qg6

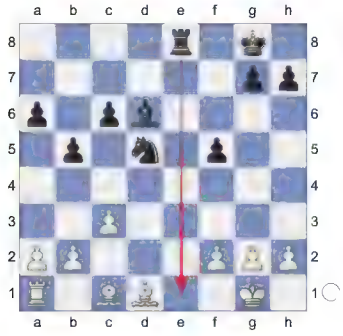


16.Bd1! Bxd3 White is slightly better. **17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 f5 19.Qe6+ Qxe6 20.Rxe6 Rae8**

(Diagram)

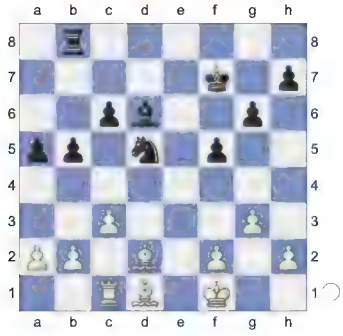


21.Rxe8 Rxe8



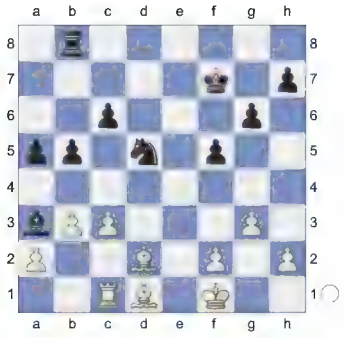
22.Kf1 Prevents Re1+. **22...a5N** 0.69/18
[22...Bxh2= 0.23/19
is more appropriate. 23.g3 f4]
[22...Kf7 23.Bf3 Rc8 24.Bd2 Nb6 25.Re1 a5 26.h3 a4 27.Bd1 Re8 28.Rxe8 Kxe8 29.Bc2 g6 30.g4 fxg4 31.hxg4 Nd5 32.Ke2 Kd7 33.a3 Bf4 34.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 35.Ke3 Nd5+ 36.Kd4 Kd6 37.g5 Projecthuman (2835)-Ripsockeye (2790) Classical 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (60)]

23.g3 Kf7 24.Bd2 Rb8 25.Rc1 g6

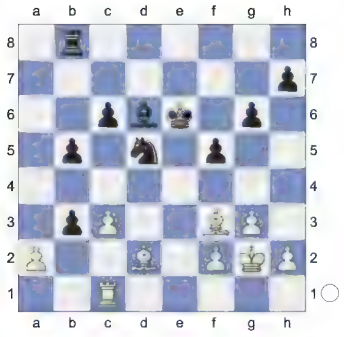


26.b3 Ba3

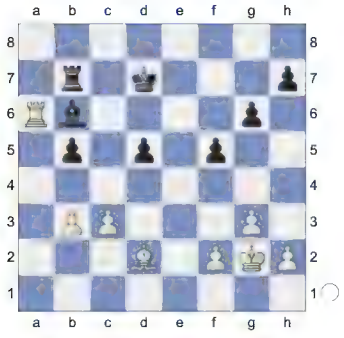
(Diagram)



27.Rc2 Bd6 28.Kg2 Ke6 29.Bf3 a4 30.Rc1 axb3

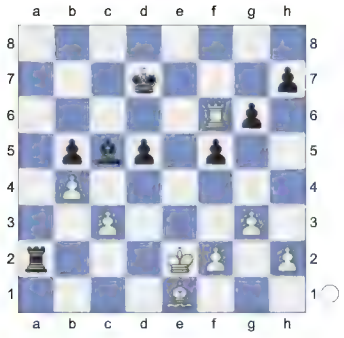


31.axb3 Kd7 32.Ra1 Rb7 33.Ra5 Bc7 34.Ra6 Bb6 35.Bxd5 0.43/21
[35.c4± 0.79/20 bxc4 36.bxc4]
35...cxd5±

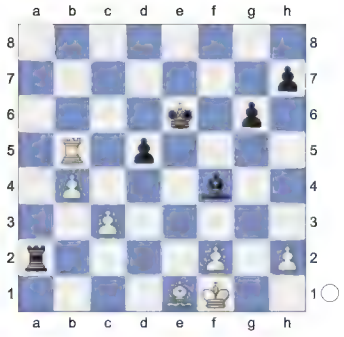


Endgame KRB-KRB **36.Kf3 Bc5 37.b4 Ra7 38.Rf6 Ra2 39.Be1 Ra1 40.Ke2 Ra2+**

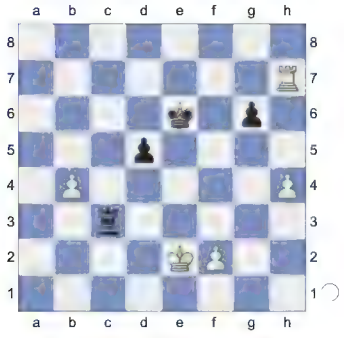
(Diagram)



41.Kf1 Ke7 42.Rc6 Bd6 43.Rb6 f4 44.gxf4 Bxf4 45.Rxb5 Ke6

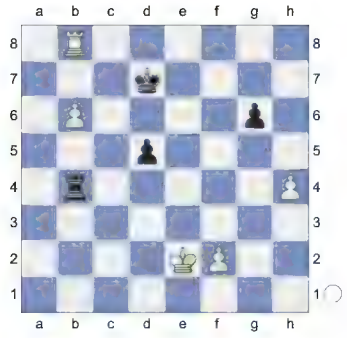


46.h4 Be5 47.Rb7 Rc2 0.33/24
[47...h5= 0.01/22]
48.Rxh7± Rc1 49.Ke2 Bd2 is the strong threat. **49...Bxc3 50.Bxc3 Rxc3**

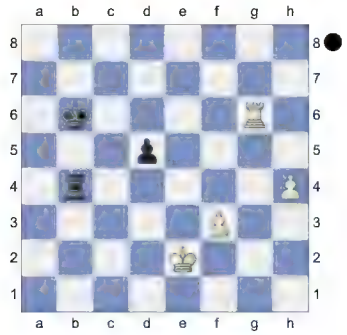


KR-KR **51.Rh6** 0.01/22
[51.b5± 0.48/24]
51...Kf7 Hoping for ...Kg7. **52.Rh8 Rc4! 53.b5** aiming for b6. **53...Rb4 54.Rb8** Threatens to win with b6. **54...Ke6 55.b6** Strongly threatening b7. The position is equal. **55...Kd7!**

(Diagram)



56.f3 Kc6 57.Rg8 Kxb6 58.Rxg6+



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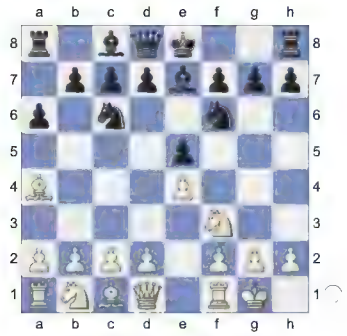
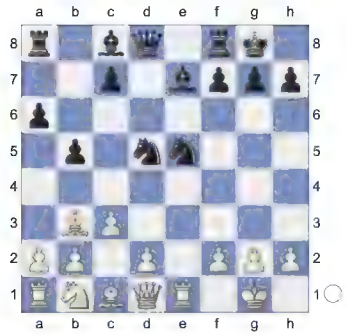
½-½

38 **C89**
□ **Khatanbaatargm** **2673**
■ **Kahvitauko** **2568**
Blitz 26.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



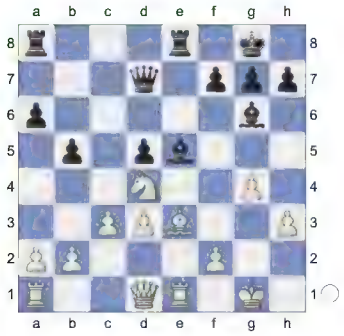
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



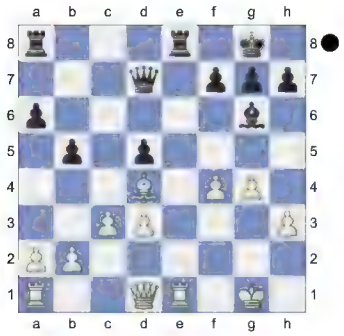
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Nd2 Qd7N 0.63/18
[But not 14...Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 16.Ne4±]
[14...Nf4= 0.10/18 15.Ne4 *(15.Bc2 Bxd3 16.Nf3 Bxc2 17.Qxc2 Qc7 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.g3 Bd6 21.Ng5 g6 22.Nf3 Rfe8 23.Kg2 c5 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Re1 Rxe1 26.Nxe1 Qc6+ 27.f3 c4 28.Qe2 Qd5 29.Qe8+ Kg7* Nguyen,M (1623)-Ruth,S (1953) Paks 2023 Steinitz/ Blackburne [John Watson] 0-1 (52)*; 15.d4 Qg5 16.g3 Nh3+ 17.Kg2 Nf4+* #5 Marshall 12. d3 (14... Re8) M-14. Nd2 *)* 15...Nxd3 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Bc2 Qg6 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.Be3 ½-½ (20) Buchicchio,G (2792)-Logan,T (2751) Deutschland 61/576 2007 Inf 66 [FS 12/1979 p311]]
15.Nf3 0.25/22
[15.Ne4± 0.63/18]
15...Rfe8=

(Diagram)

16.Bxd5 White is slightly better.
16...cxd5 17.Be3 0.01/19
[17.Rxe8+± 0.34/18 Rxe8 18.Be3]
17...Bg4 18.h3 Bh5
[18...Bxh3!? 19.Nd4 *(19.gxh3 Qxh3 20.Ng5 Qh2+ 21.Kf1 Qh1+ 22.Ke2 Qg2∓)* 19...Bf5=]
19.g4 Bg6 20.Nd4 -0.14/18
[⌓20.Bd4 0.24/19]
20...Be5 0.41/16
[Black should play 20...b4= -0.14/18]

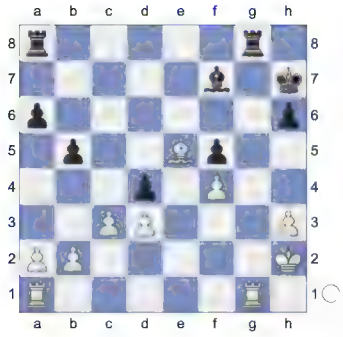


21.f4± Bxd4 22.Bxd4
[22.cxd4!? f5 23.g5±]



And now f5 would win. **22...f5** 1.31/19
[22...Rxe1+= -0.01/21 23.Qxe1 Bxd3]
23.g5± White leaves nothing to chance now. **23...h6** 1.98/23
[23...a5± 1.31/19 24.Qd2 Bf7]
24.gxh6+- gxh6 25.Kh2 Kh7

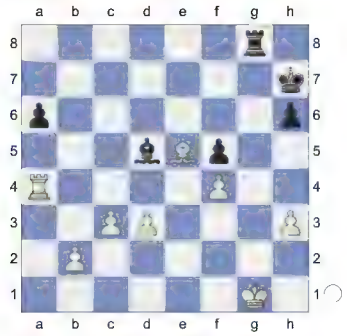
26.Qf3 Bf7 27.Rg1 Rg8 Inhibits Rg7+.
28.Qe3→ White attacks with force.
28...Qe6 29.Qe5 1.50/24
[29.Be5+- 1.97/20]
29...Qxe5± 30.Bxe5 d4 2.29/25
[⌓30...Bh5 1.61/23 31.Rae1 Rae8]



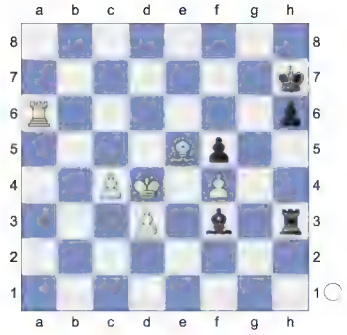
31.Bxd4+- Bd5 32.Be5 Rac8 33.a4

Black must now prevent axb5. **33...bxa4**
34.Rxa4 Rxg1 35.Kxg1 Endgame KRB-

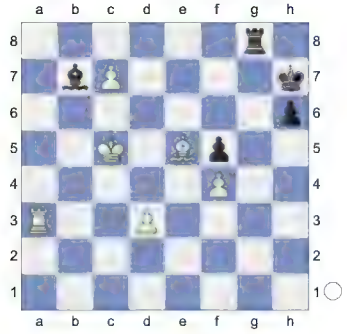
KRB **35...Rg8+**



36.Kf2 Rg2+ 37.Ke3 Rxb2 6.53/22
[⌓37...Bb7 4.02/20 38.c4 Rh2]
38.Rxa6 Rh2 39.c4 Rxh3+ 40.Kd4 Bf3

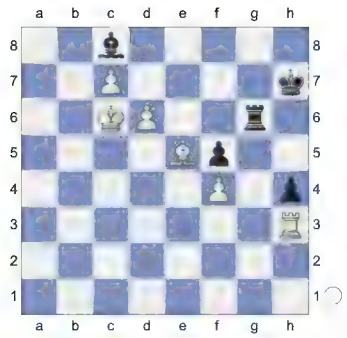


41.c5 Be2 42.Ra3 c6 is the strong threat. **42...Rg3?** 11.57/27
[42...Bf3 3.87/22 43.Ra7+ Kg8]
43.c6 Ra7+ would kill now. **43...Rg8 44.c7 Bf3 45.Kc5 Bb7**

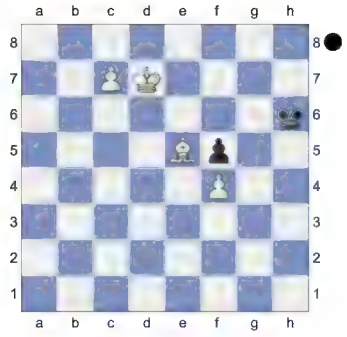


46.d4 h5 47.d5 White threatens d6 and mate. **47...h4 48.Rh3** Strongly threatening d6. **48...Rg4 49.d6 Bc8 50.Kc6 Rg6**

(Diagram)



51.Rxh4+ Rh6 52.Rxh6+ Kxh6 53.d7 Bxd7+ 54.Kxd7



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39 **C89**
□ **Jpg** **2434**
■ **Inanisbot** **2591**
Rapid 26.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

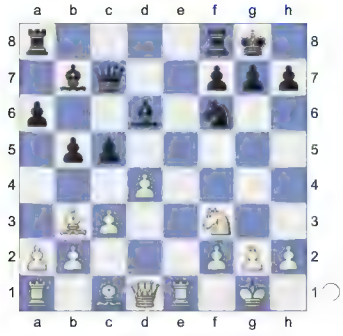
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 Nf6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 c5N
[13...Ng4 14.h3 Qh4 15.Qf3 h5 *(15...Bh2+ 16.Kf1 Be6 17.Bf4 Bf5 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.Qxg3 Qh6 20.Kg1 Nf6 21.a4 bxa4 22.Bxa4 Rab8 23.b4 a5 24.b5 Nh5 25.Qe3 Nf4 26.Nd2 Rb6 27.Nf1 Re6 28.Qf3 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Nxh3+ 30.Kg2* Borodenko-Zhilin Rostov 1956 The Total Marshall [Harding] ½-½ (32) *; 15...Nxf2 16.Re2 Ng4 17.g3 Qxg3+ 18.Qxg3 Bxg3 19.hxg4 Bb7 20.Nd2 Rae8 21.Bd1 Rxe2 22.Bxe2 Re8 23.Kf1 Re6 24.Nf3 Rg6 25.g5 f6 26.Be3 fxg5 27.Ne5 Rf6+ 28.Kg1 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Re6 30.Bd4* Sorensen,H-Hintikka,E corr 1984 UltraCorr3a [Harding] 0-1 (36)*)* 16.Re2 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Rb8 18.Bxf7+ *(18.Re8 Be6 19.Rxb8 Rxb8 20.Be3* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Survey 2006 *)* 18...Kh8 19.Qd5 Be5 20.Nd2 Bb7 21.Nf3 Qxf2 22.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 23.Kg1 Bxd5 24.Nxe5 Bxf7 25.Kxf2 Be6+ 26.Ke2 Kh7 27.Be3 Rbe8 28.a4 Smeets,J (2515)-Perdomo,L (2312) Kochi 2004 CI1-130 [Perdomo, L] 0-1 (35)]

14.Nd2 0.17/19
[14.dxc5± 0.52/18 Bxc5 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.Nd2]

14...Bb7 0.49/18
[14...cxd4= 0.17/19 feels stronger. 15.cxd4 Bb4]

15.Nf3 Qc7



White is slightly better. **16.Bg5** -0.01/19
[16.Ne5± 0.37/17]

16...Ng4= 17.g3 -0.22/18
[White should try 17.Kf1± 0.38/19]

17...h6 18.Bh4 -0.73/22
[18.Bd2!= -0.17/18]

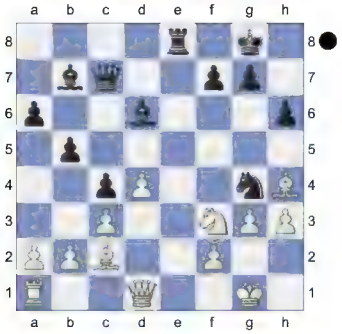
18...Rae8∓ aiming for ...c4. **19.Rxe8** -0.96/23
[19.h3∓ -0.48/21]

19...Rxe8 20.h3

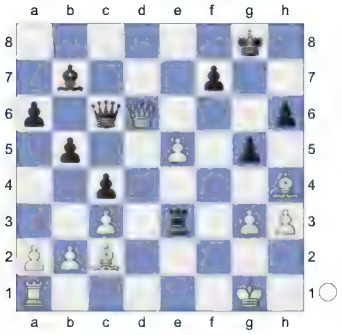
c4! -0.79/22

(Diagram)

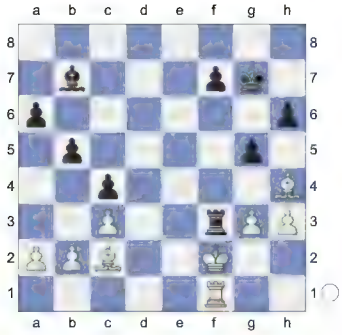
21.Bc2
[Don't blunder 21.hxg4? cxb3 22.axb3 g5 23.Bxg5 hxg5-+]



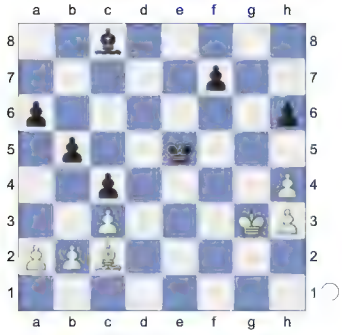
21...Ne3 0x0.00268981f4f2dp-1022s more active pieces. **22.fxe3 Rxe3 23.Ne5**
[Wrong is 23.d5? Qc5 24.Kf1 g5-+]
23...Bxe5 24.dxe5 Qd6 is the strong threat. **24...g5 25.Qd6 Qc6→**



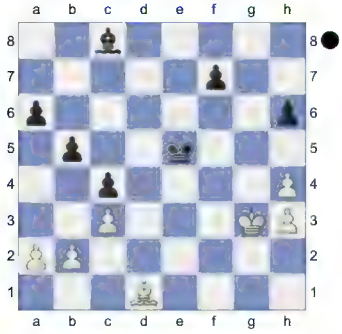
Black mounts an attack. **26.Qd8+** -0.84/24
[26.Qxc6∓ -0.43/24 Bxc6 27.Rd1]
26...Kg7 Chess con chili. **27.Qf6+ Qxf6 28.exf6+ Kxf6 29.Rf1+ Kg7 30.Kf2 Rf3+**



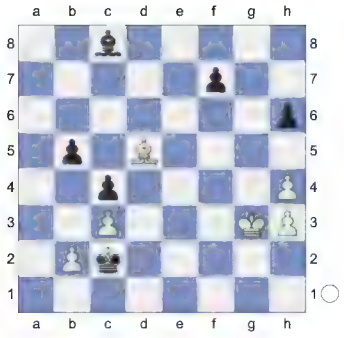
31.Ke1 Rxf1+
[Stronger than 31...gxh4 32.Rxf3 Bxf3 33.gxh4∓]
32.Kxf1 gxh4 33.gxh4 Endgame KB-KB **33...Kf6 34.Kf2 Bc8** -0.72/24
[⌓34...Ke5 -1.16/25]
35.Kg3 Ke5



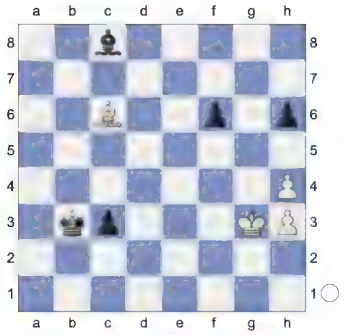
36.Bd1? -5.76/22
[36.h5∓ -1.11/23 is tougher.]



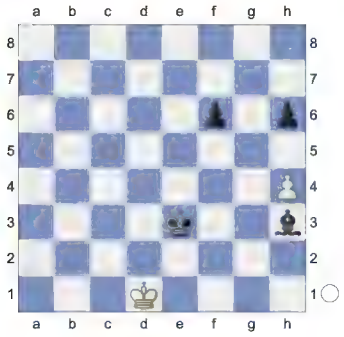
Now White is beyond hope. **36...Ke4!-+ 37.a4 Ke3** Threatens to win with ...f5. **38.axb5 axb5 39.Bf3 Kd2 40.Bd5** -11.72/24
[⌓40.Kf4 -5.10/25 Kc1 41.Ke5]
40...Kc2



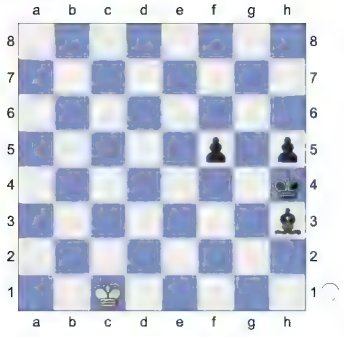
41.Bc6 Kxb2 42.Bxb5 Kxc3 43.Kf4 f6 44.Kg3 Kb3 45.Bc6 c3



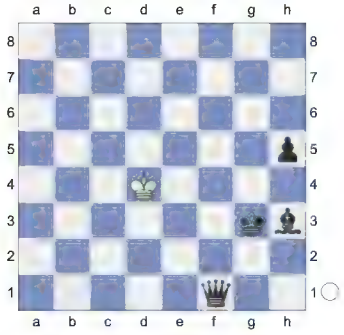
(→ ...c2) **46.Be4 c2 47.Bxc2+ Kxc2** KB-KPP **48.Kf2 Kd3 49.Ke1 Ke3 50.Kd1 Bxh3**



KB-KP **51.Kc1 Kf4 52.Kb1 Kg4 53.Ka1 Kxh4 54.Kb1 h5 55.Kc1 f5**



56.Kb1 f4 57.Ka1 f3 58.Kb2 f2 59.Kc3 f1Q 60.Kd4 Kg3



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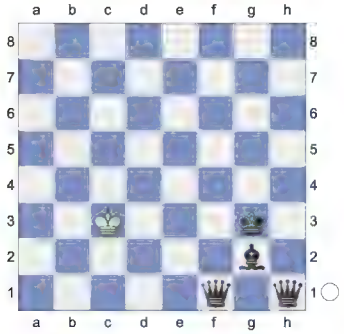
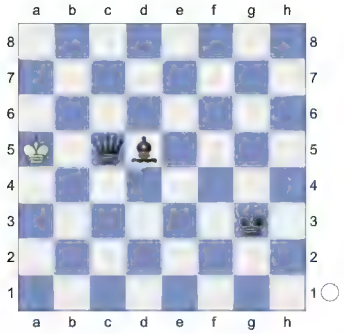
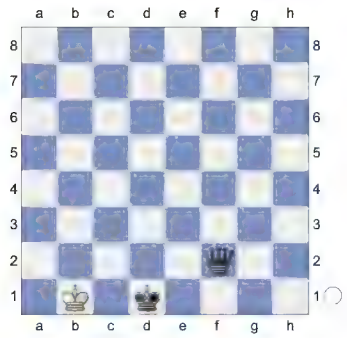


66.Kb4 Qc4+ -12.92/5 **67.Kxc4 Qc1+ 68.Kb3 Bd5+ 69.Ka4 Qc4+ 70.Ka5 Qc5+**

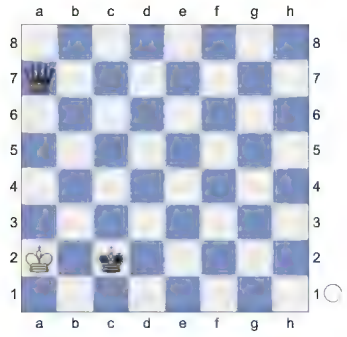


71.Ka4 Bb3+ -10.12/5 **72.Kxb3 Kf2** Black mates. **73.Ka2 Ke1 74.Ka1 Kd1 75.Kb1 Qf2**

(Diagram)



76.Ka1 Kc2 77.Ka2 Qa7#



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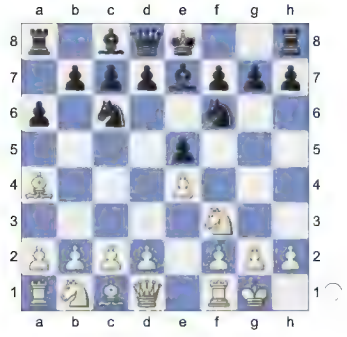
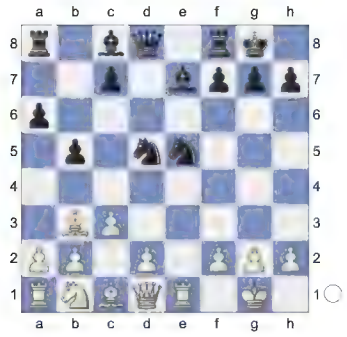
40 **C89**
□ **Rusert13** **2459**
■ **lsb1** **2604**
Blitz 25.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

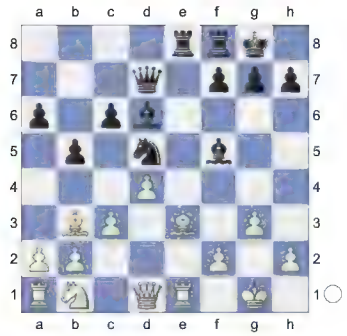
Blitz 3min+2sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.g3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.d4 Qd7 15.Be3 Rae8

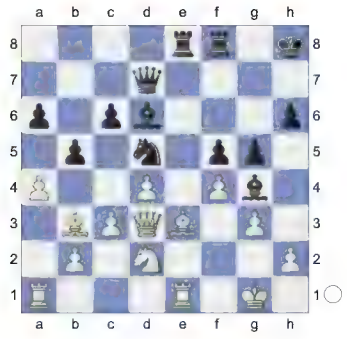


The position is equal. **16.Nd2 Bg4 17.Qc2 h6**
[17...Bf5 18.Qc1 Re7 19.Nf3 Bg4 20.Nh4 Rfe8 21.Qd2 h6 22.Qd3 g6 23.Bd1 Bh3 24.Bf3 g5 25.Ng2 Bf5 26.Qd1 Nf6 27.a4 Ne4 28.axb5 axb5 29.Ra6 Qb7 30.Qa1 Bc8 31.Ra8 Bb8 32.Bc1 Anand,V (2811)-Kramnik,V (2800) London 2011 CBM 146 [Postny,Evgeny] ½-½ (39)]
18.Qd3N
[18.Ne4 Bf3 19.Nxd6 Qh3 #6 Marshall 12. g3-14. d4]
18...Kh8 0.64/15
[18...Bf5= -0.01/17 19.Qe2 Bg4]
19.a4 0.01/20
[19.Ne4± 0.64/15]
19...f5 0.96/17
[19...Bf5= 0.01/20 keeps the balance. 20.Qe2 Bg4]
20.f4 -0.46/22

[Better is 20.axb5± 0.96/17 axb5 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.f3]

20...g5? 1.24/18

[20...Rxe3∓ -0.46/22 stays ahead. 21.Rxe3 Nxe3 22.axb5 *(22.Qxe3 Re8∓)* 22...cxb5! 23.Qxe3 Re8]



21.fxg5 0.29/17

[White should try 21.Bxd5± 1.24/18 cxd5 22.axb5 *(22.fxg5 bxa4 23.gxh6 Re6+-)*]

21...f4 22.Bf2 Qg6 is the strong threat.

22...hxg5 1.63/18

[22...fxg3!= 0.28/18 and Black is okay. 23.hxg3 *(23.Bxg3 Nf4=)* 23...Qf7]

23.Rxe8 0.46/18

[23.Qg6+- 1.63/18 Re6 24.Rxe6 *(24.Qxg5? Be7-+)* 24...Qxe6 25.Qxg5]

23...Rxe8? 2.41/18

[23...Qxe8± 0.46/18 24.Re1 *(24.Bc2 Bf5=)* 24...Qf7]

24.Bc2? 0.71/17

[24.axb5+- 2.41/18 has better winning chances. axb5 25.Qg6 fxg3 26.Bxg3 *(26.hxg3 Qe6±)* 26...Bxg3 27.hxg3]

24...Ne3 2.13/16

[24...Bh5± 0.71/17]

25.Bxe3+- Rxe3

(Diagram)

26.Qg6 Re6 27.Qxg5 Be7 28.Qxf4

[Much less strong is 28.Qxg4 Re1+ 29.Rxe1 Qxg4 30.Rxe7 fxg3+-]

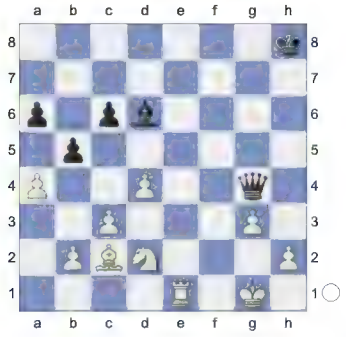
28...Bd6 6.62/20

[⌓28...Rf6 4.16/19]

29.Qxg4? 2.31/21

[29.Qg5 6.62/20 aiming for Qh4+. Be7 30.Qxg4 Re1+ 31.Rxe1 Qxg4 32.Rxe7]

29...Re1+ 30.Rxe1 Qxg4



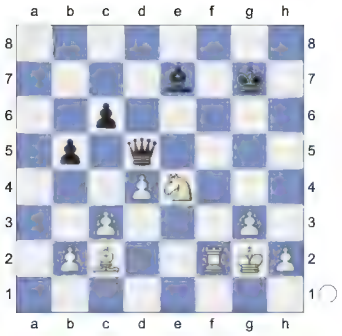
31.Ne4 Be7 32.axb5 axb5 33.Kg2 Kg7 2.46/18

[⌓33...Qe6 1.80/20]

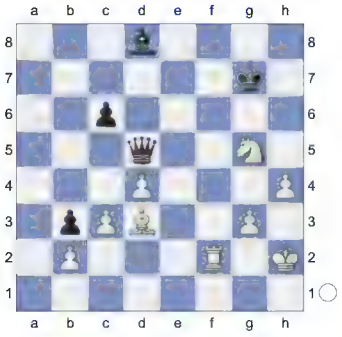
34.Rf1 Qe6 2.21/17 **35.Rf2 Qd5** 2.16/20

[35...b4± 1.33/19 might work better. 36.Rd2 Qf5]

(Diagram)



36.h3 1.17/23
[36.b4!+- 2.16/20]
36...b4± 37.Kh2 0.63/24
[White should play 37.Rd2± 1.21/22]
37...b3± 38.Bd3 Hoping for Nd2.
38...Bd8? 3.52/21
[38...c5± 0.94/22]
39.h4 Bc7? 6.79/19
[39...Be7 2.73/20 40.Nd2 Qh5]
40.Ng5+- Bd8



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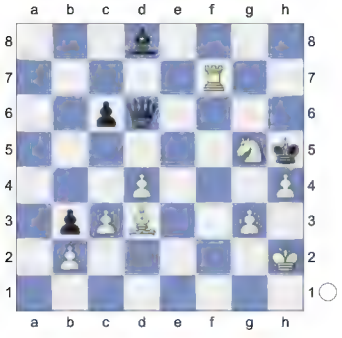
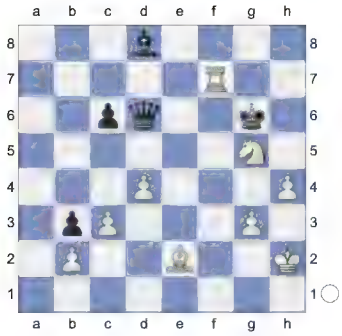
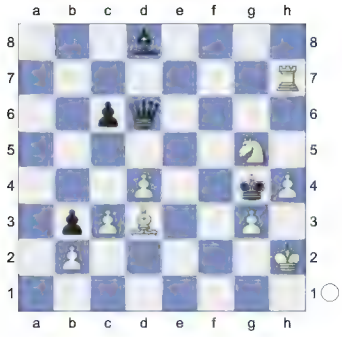


46.Rh7+ Kg4 47.Be2+ Kf5 48.Rf7+ Kg6

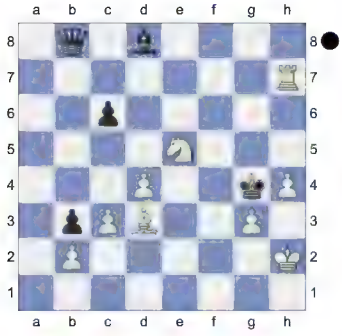
(Diagram)



49.Bd3+? 0.01/5
[49.Ne4!+- 4.43/20 Qe6 *(49...Qd5 50.Bd3)* 50.Bd3! Qxf7 51.Nd6+ Kg7 52.Nxf7 Kxf7 53.Be4]
49...Kh5= 50.Rh7+? 0.01/21
[50.Kh3+- 15.03/23 Intending Rh7+ and mate. Qg6 51.g4+ Kh6 52.Bxg6 Kxg6 53.Rf5 Bf6 54.h5+ Kg7 55.Ne4]
50...Kg4



51.Be2+? 0.01/5
[51.Ne4!+- 8.95/31 Qf8 52.Be2+ Kf5 53.Nc5]
51...Kf5 52.Nf7 Qb8 53.Bd3+ Kg4 54.Ne5+



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41 **C89**
□ **Mayhem23111** **3065**
■ **Patriciabot** **2851**
Rapid 25.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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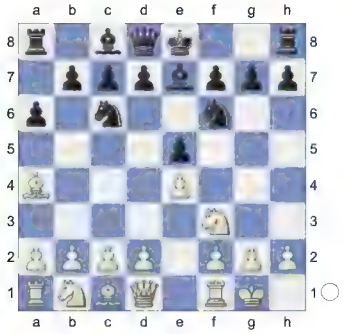
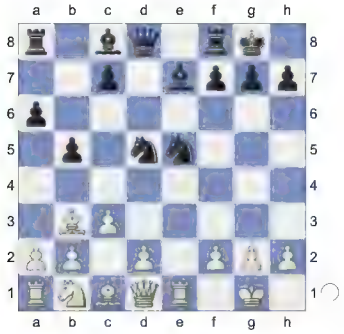
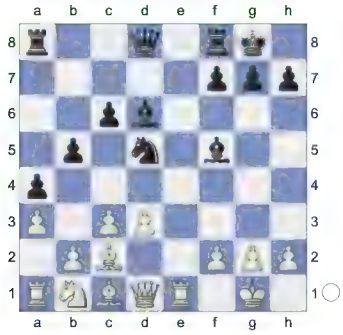


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



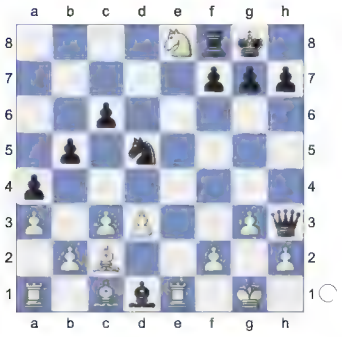
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 a5 13.Re1 a4 14.Bc2 White has an edge. **14...Bf5 15.a3 Bd6N**
[15...Qd7 16.Nd2 Bg4 17.f3 Be6 18.Nf1 Rae8 19.d4 Bd6 20.Bg5 f5 21.Bh4 Kh8 22.Qd2 Rg8 23.Bf2 g5 24.Ne3 Ref8 25.c4 Nxe3 26.Bxe3 bxc4 27.Bxg5 Bd5 28.h4 Rf7 29.Qf2 Rg6 30.Qd2 Fracasso Fuellbeck,M (2532)-Skopec,L (2550) Cuba 2019 CYB 12 [Herbold,M] ½-½ (35) Bg3 31.Kf1 Rfg7 32.Qe3 Re6 33.Qd2 Reg6 34.Qe3 Re6 35.Qd2 Reg6 0-1 (35) Emery,S (2029)-Joie,S (2353) Bern 2023]
[15...Re8 16.Nd2 Bg6 17.Ne4 f5 18.Ng3 Bd6 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.Bd2 Ra7 21.Qf1 Re7 22.Re1 f4 23.Rxe7 Qxe7 24.Ne4 f3 25.g3 Nf6 26.Bg5 Bxe4 27.dxe4 h6 28.Bxf6 Qxf6 29.Qd3 g5 30.h3 Firouzja,A (2770)-Abasov,N (2638) Riga 2021 CBM 205 [Firouzja,Alireza] 1-0 (49) h5 31.e5 Qxe5 32.Qxf3 h4 33.gxh4 gxh4 34.Be4 Qg5+ 35.Qg2 Qxg2+ 36.Kxg2 c5 37.Bc6 b4 38.axb4 cxb4 39.cxb4 Bxb4 40.Bxa4 Kg7 41.f4 Bd6 42.Kf3 Kf6 43.Ke4 Bb4 44.Bd7 Bd6 45.Bg4 Modestov,B (2644)-Brodsky,M (2710) Minsk 2021 Tango! [Rause, Latvian mag 4/99] 1-0 (49)]



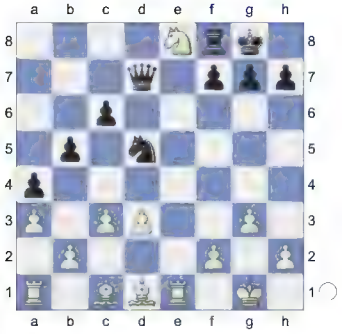
16.Nd2 Qh4 17.g3 Qh3 18.Ne4 Rae8 1.29/20 **19.Nxd6± Bg4**

(Diagram)

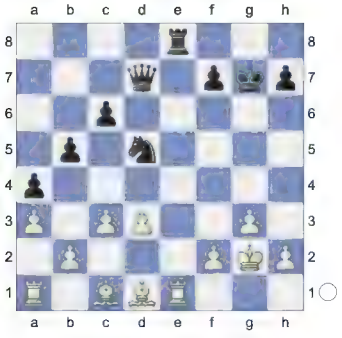
(→ ...Bf3) **20.Nxe8! Bxd1**



21.Bxd1 Threatens to win with c4.
21...Qd7



22.Nxg7 Kxg7 23.Kg2 Re8

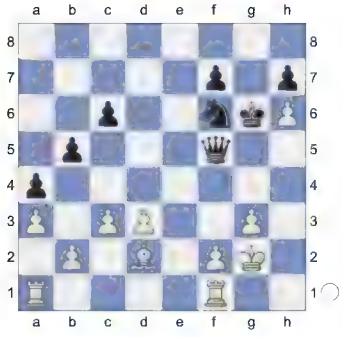


24.Bg4! Qd8 25.Rd1 Qf6

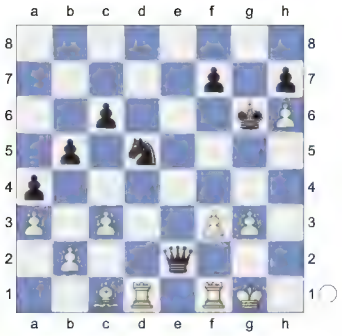
(Diagram)

26.h4 Re5 27.h5 Rf5 1.77/21 **28.h6++- Kg6 29.Rf1**
[But not 29.Bxf5+?! Qxf5 30.Be3 Nxe3+ 31.fxe3 Qc5±]
29...Qe6 1.70/22
[29...Rg5± 1.11/20]
30.Bd2 aiming for Rae1.
[Don't do 30.Bxf5+ Qxf5 31.Bd2 Qxd3±]
30...Nf6

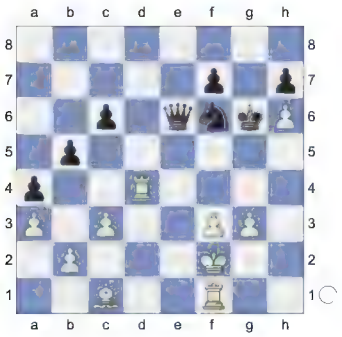
31.Bxf5+ Qxf5



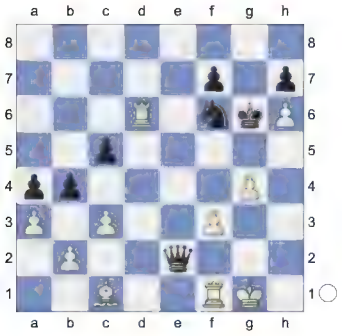
32.Rad1! Qd5+ 1.88/22
[32...Ng4± 1.45/20]
33.f3 Qxd3 34.Bc1 Qe2+ 35.Kg1
Strongly threatening Rd6. **35...Nd5**
(Diagram)



36.Rde1 Qc4 2.71/24
[36...Qd3 1.65/23 might work better. 37.Rf2 f6]
37.Re4 Qc5+ 38.Kg2 Nf6
Against Rg4+ **39.Rd4 Qe7** Against Re1
40.Kf2 Prevents Qe2+. **40...Qe6** 4.02/21
[⌓40...c5 2.52/24 41.Rdd1 *(41.Re1 Qxe1+ 42.Kxe1 cxd4+-)* 41...Qe6]

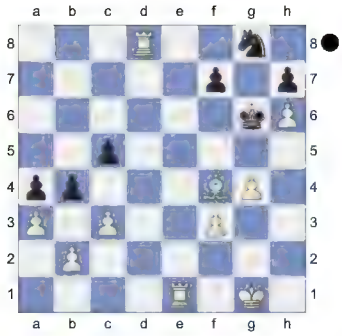


41.Rfd1 Qf5 42.Rd6 Qc2+ 43.Kg1 Qe2 44.Rf1 c5 45.g4 b4



46.Bf4 Qc2 47.Re1 Qd3 48.Rxd3 Ng8 49.Rd8

(Diagram)



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42 **C89**
□ **Jpg** **2424**
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Rapid 25.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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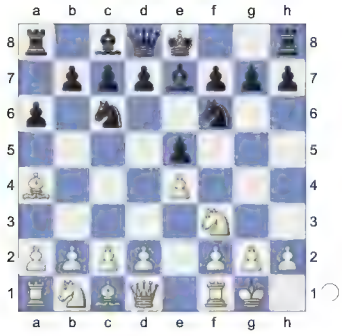
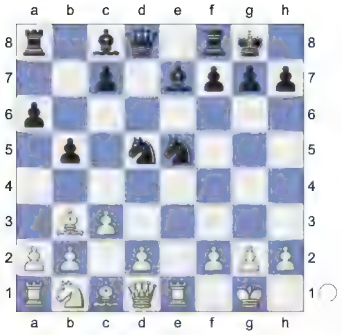


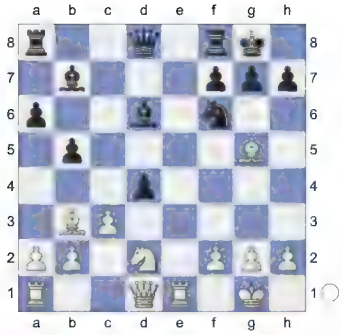
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)

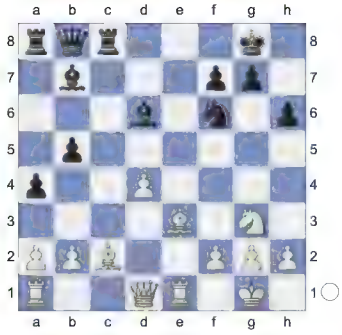


11.Rxe5 Nf6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 c5N
[13...Ng4 14.h3 Qh4 15.Qf3 h5 *(15...Bh2+ 16.Kf1 Be6 17.Bf4 Bf5 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.Qxg3 Qh6 20.Kg1 Nf6 21.a4 bxa4 22.Bxa4 Rab8 23.b4 a5 24.b5 Nh5 25.Qe3 Nf4 26.Nd2 Rb6 27.Nf1 Re6 28.Qf3 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Nxh3+ 30.Kg2* Borodenko-Zhilin Rostov 1956 The Total Marshall [Harding] ½-½ (32) *; 15...Nxf2 16.Re2 Ng4 17.g3 Qxg3+ 18.Qxg3 Bxg3 19.hxg4 Bb7 20.Nd2 Rae8 21.Bd1 Rxe2 22.Bxe2 Re8 23.Kf1 Re6 24.Nf3 Rg6 25.g5 f6 26.Be3 fxg5 27.Ne5 Rf6+ 28.Kg1 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Re6 30.Bd4* Sorensen,H-Hintikka,E corr 1984 UltraCorr3a [Harding] 0-1 (36)*)* 16.Re2 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Rb8 18.Bxf7+ *(18.Re8 Be6 19.Rxb8 Rxb8 20.Be3* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Survey 2006 *)* 18...Kh8 19.Qd5 Be5 20.Nd2 Bb7 21.Nf3 Qxf2 22.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 23.Kg1 Bxd5 24.Nxe5 Bxf7 25.Kxf2 Be6+ 26.Ke2 Kh7 27.Be3 Rbe8 28.a4 Smeets,J (2515)-Perdomo,L (2312) Kochi 2004 CI1-130 [Perdomo, L] 0-1 (35)]
14.Bg5 Bb7 Inhibits Qf3. **15.Nd2 cxd4**

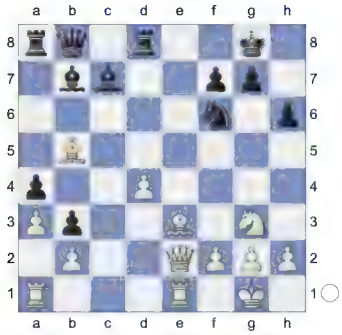
(Diagram)



White is slightly better. **16.cxd4**
[16.Ne4!? Be7 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxf6+ Qxf6 19.cxd4±]
16...h6 17.Be3 0.01/17
[17.Bh4± 0.38/19]
17...Qb8 18.Nf1 a5 19.Ng3 a4 20.Bc2 Rc8

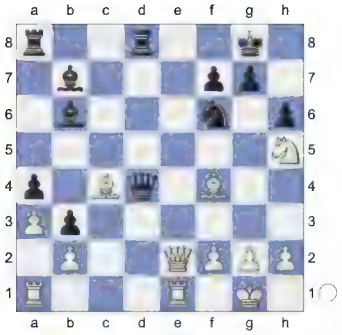


21.Qe2 -0.09/16
[⌓21.Bd2 0.22/16]
21...b4 22.Bf5 Re8 Black has compensation. **23.a3 b3 24.Bd3 Bc7 25.Bb5 Rd8**



26.Bc4 Bb6 27.Rad1 0.07/19
[27.Nh5± 0.44/20 Qd6 28.Bf4 Qxd4

(Diagram)



29.Bxf7+! Kh8 30.Be3]

27...Qc7= 28.h3 -0.24/20

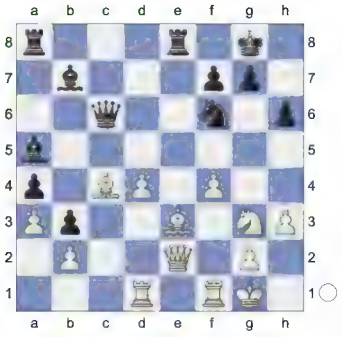
[⌓28.Rc1 0.15/17]

28...Ba5 29.Rf1

[Wrong is 29.Bd2? Bxd2 30.Rxd2 Re8-+]

29...Qc6! 30.f4 Re8 -0.86/22

[30...Nd5∓ -0.55/18 deserves consideration. 31.Bd2 Bb6]



White is on the road to losing. **31.Nf5** -1.80/22

[31.d5∓ -0.86/22 keeps fighting. Qc8 32.Bb5]

31...Qd7→ Black has strong attack.

32.g4 Nd5 Strongly threatening ...g6.

33.Bb5 -2.36/20

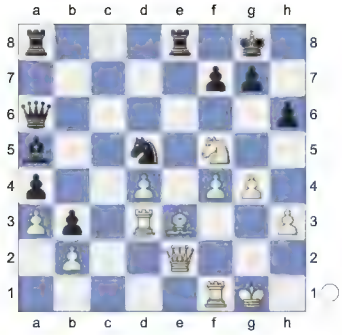
[33.Rf3 -1.75/22 was worth a try.]

33...Bc6 34.Bxc6 Qxc6 35.Rd3? -4.29/21

[35.Rc1 -2.06/20 might work better. Qd7 36.Rf3]

35...Qa6

(Diagram)



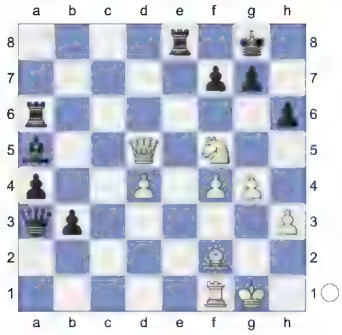
36.Qf3? -5.24/21

[36.Rfd1 -3.09/20 Nxf4 37.Qf1 Nxd3 38.Rxd3]

36...Qxd3 37.Qxd5 Ra6 38.Rf3 -7.12/20

[⌓38.Kg2 -4.65/19 Rxe3 39.Nxe3 Qxe3 40.Qb5]

38...Qb1+ 39.Rf1 Qxb2 40.Bf2 Qxa3



41.Qb5 Raa8 42.d5 b2 43.d6 Qxh3 44.Qxb2 Qxg4+ 45.Ng3 Rab8

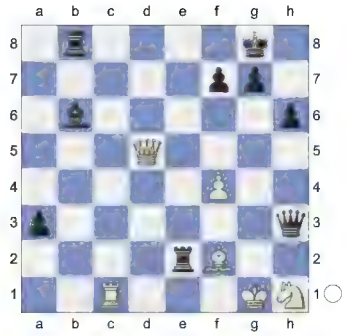
46.d7 Qxd7

[Inferior is 46...Rxb2 47.dxe8Q+ Kh7 48.Qe5=]

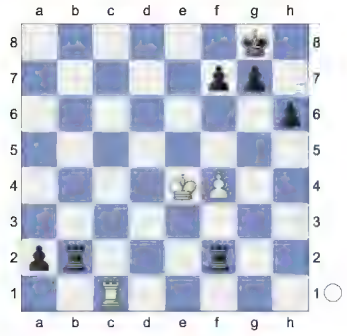
47.Qd4 Qh3 48.Qd5 Bb6 49.Nh1 a3

Hoping for ...Re2. **50.Rc1 Re2**

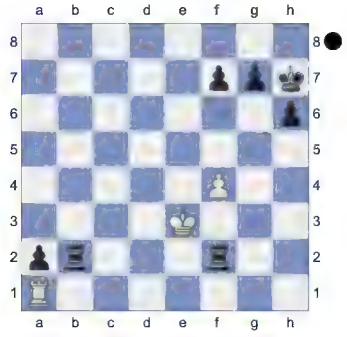
(Diagram)



51.Qg2 Bxf2+ 52.Nxf2 Qxg2+ -13.24/5
[⌓52...Qe3 -#14/18 53.Rf1 a2 54.Qg4 Re1 55.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 56.Kg2 a1Q 57.Qf3 Qg1+ 58.Kh3 Qaf1+ 59.Kh4 g5+ 60.Kh5 Qgxf2 61.fxg5 Qxf3+ 62.Kxh6 Q3h3#]
53.Kxg2 Endgame KRR-KRN **53...Rbb2 54.Kf3 Rxf2+ 55.Ke4 a2**

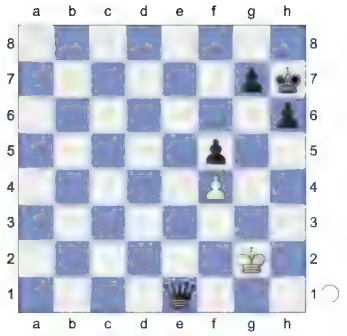


(→ ...Kh7) **56.Ke3 Kh7 57.Ra1**

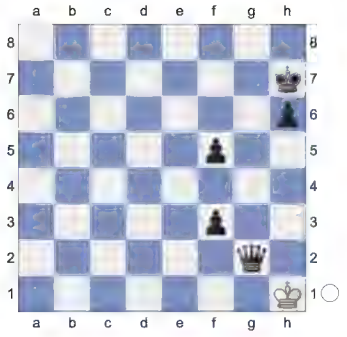


Black mates. **57...Rb1! 58.Rxb1 axb1Q 59.Kxf2 Qe1+ 60.Kg2 f5**

(Diagram)



61.Kh2 g5 62.Kg2 gxf4 63.Kh2 Qe2+ 64.Kg1 f3 65.Kh1 Qg2#



Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.10 (very precise)
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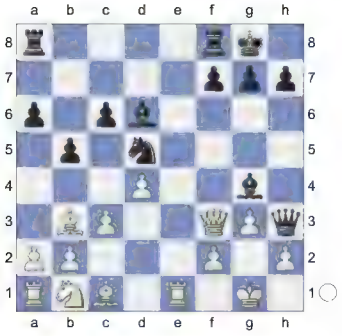
43 **C89**
□ **Foo0K** **2580**
■ **Kongcououi** **2620**
Blitz 25.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

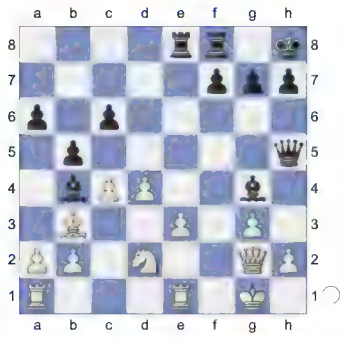
(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qf3 Bg4



16.Qg2 Rae8 0.52/20
[16...Qh5!= 0.10/22 is more appropriate. 17.Be3 Rfe8]
17.Be3 0.21/21
[17.Rxe8± 0.52/20 Rxe8 18.Qxh3 Bxh3 19.Bd2]
17...Qh5= And now ...Bf3 would win. The position is equal. **18.Nd2** Prevents Bf3.
18...Kh8
[18...Re7 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Bf4 Bh3 21.Qf3 Bg4 22.Qg2 Bh3 23.Qf3 Bg4 24.Qg2 ½-½ (24) Grischuk,A (2771)-Tomashevsky,E (2699) Russia 2010 CI1-130 [RR]]
[18...Bh3 19.Bd1 Bg4 20.Bxg4 Qxg4 21.Qf3 Qg6 22.Re2 f5 23.Qg2 f4 24.gxf4 Qxg2+ 25.Kxg2 Nxf4+ 26.Bxf4 Rxe2 27.Bxd6 Rfxf2+ 28.Kh3 Rxd2 0-1 (28) Campbell,C-Perrin,B (1744) Wellington 2023]
19.c4N
[19.a4 f5 20.Bxd5 cxd5 21.Qxd5 Rd8 22.Qg2 f4 23.Bxf4 Bxf4 24.gxf4 Rxf4 25.Re4 Bf3 26.Nxf3 Rxe4 27.Ne5 Re2 28.axb5 axb5 29.h3 Rf8 30.Ra7 g6 31.Ng4 Qf5 32.Qb7 Re1+ 33.Kg2 Qe4+ Senders,M (1929)-Monpeurt,C (2045) Agneaux 2012 EXT 2014 [Navrotescu, Catalin] 0-1 (63) 34.Qxe4 Rxe4 35.Ne3 Ref4 36.Nd1 g5 37.Re7 g4 38.h4 Rf3 39.Re3 R3f5 40.Rd3 h5 41.Rd2 Rf3 42.d5 Kg7 43.d6 Kf6 44.Ne3 Ke6 45.Nc2 R3f7 46.Nd4+ Kxd6 47.Nxb5+ Kc5 48.Na3 Rf3 SurveyUebersicht (1929)-4.f3 d5 5.a3 ♗d6 (2045) Brownsville 2012 EXT 97-B [Rossolimo,N] 0-1 (63)]
19...Nxe3 20.fxe3 -0.24/19
[⌓20.Rxe3 0.08/20 Bb4 21.Nf1 *(21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.f3 Bh3=)*]
20...Bb4 0.18/19
[⌓20...c5 -0.24/19]



21.a3 Ba5 This bishop pair is nice.
22.Bd1 -0.43/20

[22.Ba2= 0.01/16 deserves consideration.]

22...Bxd1

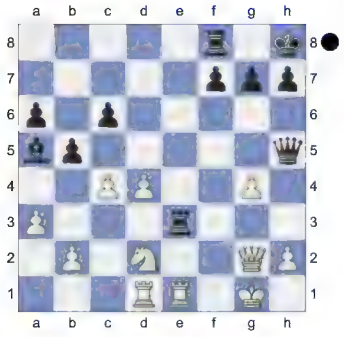
[22...bxc4!? 23.Bxg4 Qxg4=]

23.Raxd1

[Of course not 23.Rexd1 Rxe3 24.Re1 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 bxc4∓]

23...Rxe3 24.g4 -1.37/20

[24.b4= -0.01/20 Bc7 25.Nf1 Rxe1 26.Rxe1]

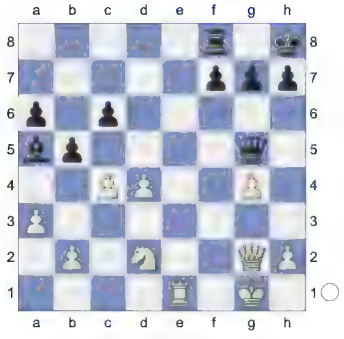


24...Rxe1+ -0.88/21

[Black should play 24...Qh6! -1.37/20 Hoping for ...Rxe1+. 25.Rf1 Bc7 26.cxb5 axb5]

25.Rxe1∓ Qg5 -0.16/23

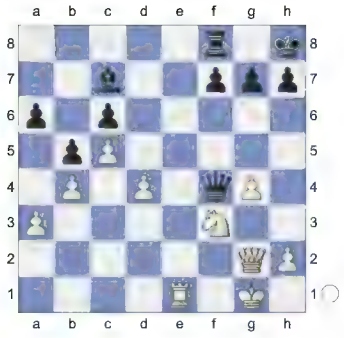
[25...Qg6∓ -0.64/22 26.b4 Bd8]



26.b4= Bb6 27.c5 Bc7 28.Nf3 Qf4 0.81/22

[28...Qg6!= -0.06/19]

(Diagram)

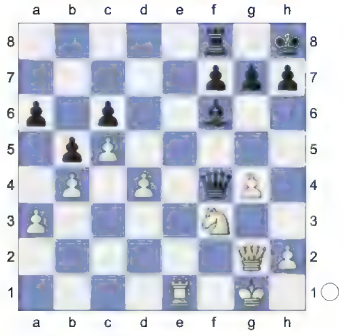


29.Re7 -0.08/23

[29.Qg3!± 0.81/22]

29...Bd8↑ Black fights for an advantage.

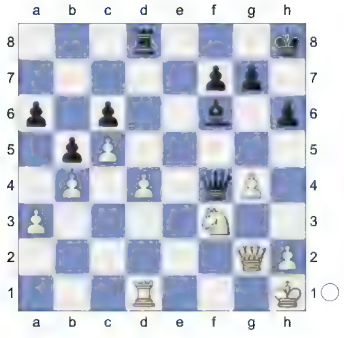
30.Re1 Bf6



31.Rd1 -1.11/19

[31.Kh1= -0.01/22]

31...Rd8 -0.45/22 **32.Kh1 h6**



Prevents g5. Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.24 (precise)

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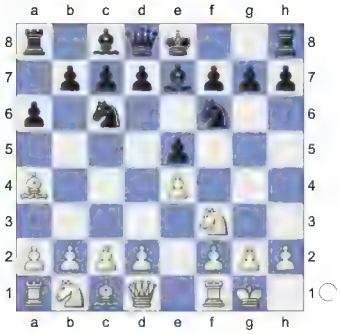
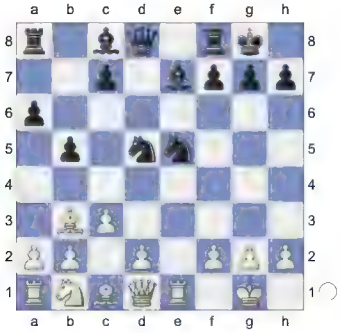
44 **C89**
□ **Patriciabot** **2848**
■ **Inanisbot** **2610**
Rapid 25.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

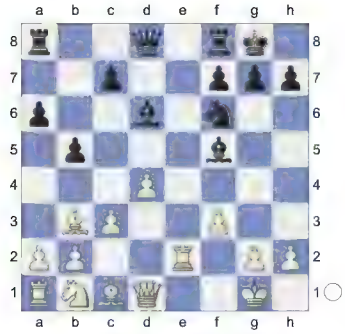
Blitz 10min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



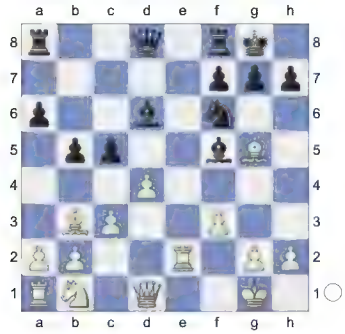
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Nf6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re2 &Bianco is more active. **13...Bg4N**
[13...Nh5 14.Qd3 *(14.Re4 Bf5 15.Nd2 Bxe4 16.Nxe4 Qh4 17.Nxd6 cxd6 18.g3 Qh3 19.Bd5 Rae8 20.Bg2 Qc8 21.a4 Nf6 22.axb5 axb5 23.Bf4 Qe6 24.Bc6 Rc8 25.d5 Qf5 26.Bxd6 Ne4 27.Bf4 g5 28.Be3 Rfd8* Agopov,M (2443)-Sulskis,S (2591) Jyvaskyla 2011 CI1-130 [Sulskis,Sarunas] ½-½ (35) *; 14.Be3 Bb7 15.Nd2 Kh8 16.Re1 Qh4 17.Nf1 f5 18.f3 f4 19.Bf2 Ng3 20.Qd3 Qg5 21.Be6* C 89/06 *)* 14...Qh4 *(14...Bg4 15.Re1 Re8 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.Be3 Nf4 18.Bxf4 Qe1+ 19.Qf1 Qxf1+ 20.Kxf1 Bxf4* C 89/06 *)* 15.g3 Qh3 16.Bd5 Bf5 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Rae8 19.Rxe8 Rxe8 20.Qf1 Qg4 21.Nd2 f5 22.f3 Qg6 23.Qf2 Nf4 24.Kh1 Re2 25.Qf1 Qh6 26.h4 Nh5 27.Ne4 Nxg3+ 28.Kg1 5 Chapter-Games Game]
14.f3 Bf5



15.Bg5! c5
[15...h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nd2±]



White is slightly better. **16.Nd2 Bd3 17.Re3 c4** 1.15/21
[⌓17...Bg6 0.79/21]

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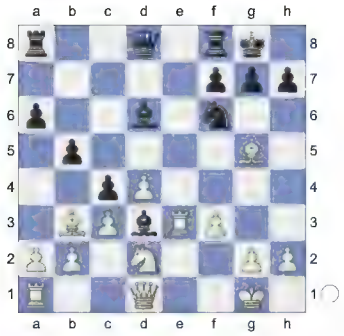
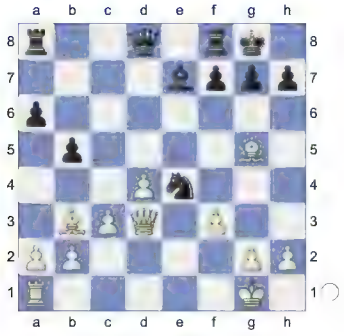
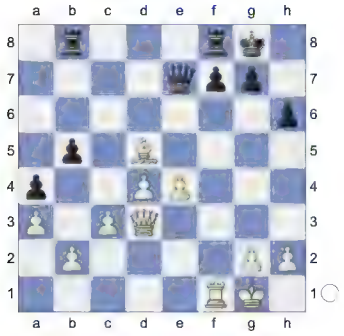


18.Rxd3!± cxd3 19.Ne4 Be7
Strongly threatening ...Nxe4. **20.Qxd3 Nxe4**

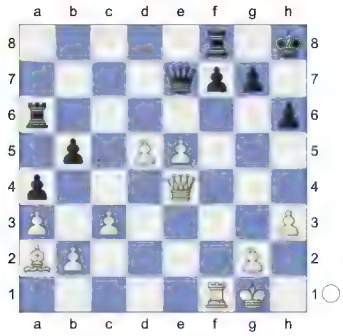


21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.fxe4
[Don't play 22.Qxe4?! Rae8=]
22...a5 23.Bd5 Rab8 24.Rf1 a4 1.85/19
[24...Qd7± 1.48/18 was necessary. 25.Qf3 Rbc8]
25.a3+- h6 2.19/18
[⌓25...Kh8 1.77/17 26.e5 Rb6]

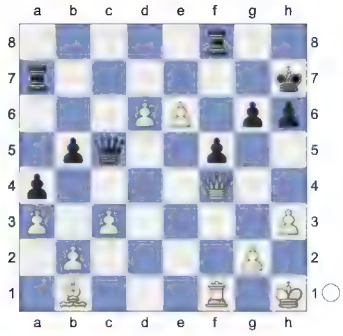


26.e5 Rb6 27.Ba2 Kh8 28.h3 Kg8 29.Qe4 Kh8 3.78/19
[⌓29...Re6 2.68/18 30.Bxe6 fxe6 31.Rxf8+ Kxf8]

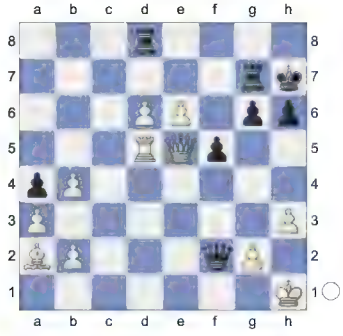
30.d5 Ra6



31.Kh1
[Less strong is 31.Bb1 Qc5+ 32.Kh1 g6+-]
31...Qc5? 6.60/21
[31...Rg6 3.57/19 32.Bb1 h5]
32.d6 Ra7 33.Bb1 g6 34.Qf4 Kh7 35.e6 f5



36.Rd1 Rg7 37.Ba2 Rd8 38.Rd5 Qa7 39.Qe5 b4 40.cxb4 Qf2



41.e7 Re8 42.Rd1 f4 43.Bd5 Qa7 44.Re1 Qd7 45.b5 Black must now prevent Bc6. **45...Qc8**

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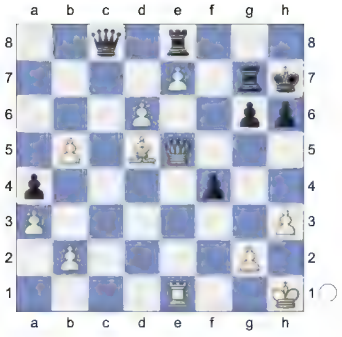
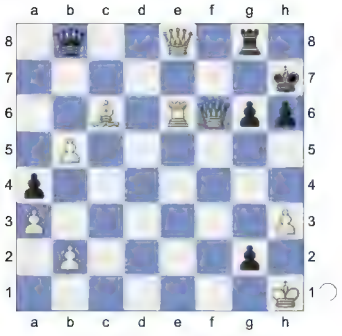
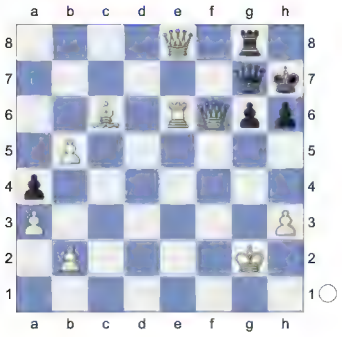


46.Bc6 Intending d7 and mate.
46...Rgxe7 47.dxe7 Qb8 48.Qf6 f3 49.Re6 Rg8 50.e8Q fxg2+

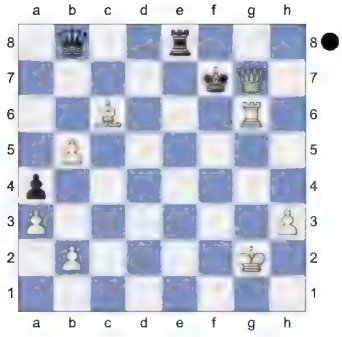


51.Kxg2 19.72/5
[⌓51.Kg1 #5/12 Qa7+ 52.Kxg2 Qg7



53.Re7! h5 54.Qfxg6+ Kh8 55.Qxg7#]
51...Rxe8 52.Qxg6+ White mates.
52...Kh8 53.Qxh6+ Kg8 54.Rg6+ Kf7 55.Qg7#

(Diagram)



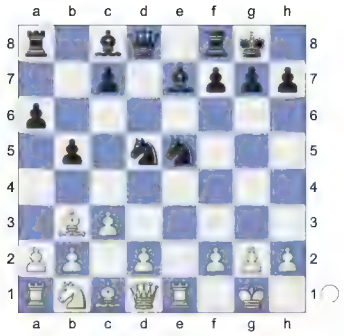
Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.75
1-0

45 **C89**
□ **Odonata** **2724**
■ **Fipsi,X** **3059**
Blitz 21.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5

16.Qf1

[16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Re1 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5∓]

[16.Nd2 is interesting. f5 17.Re5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 h6 19.Nf3]

16...Qxf1+ 17.Kxf1 Bf5 18.Nd2 White has an edge. **18...a5N**

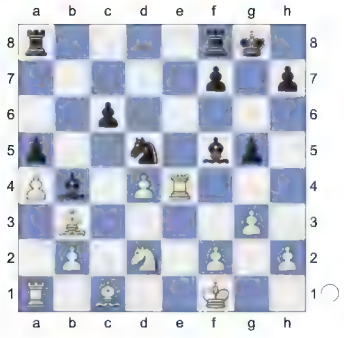
[18...Rad8 19.f3 Bxe4 20.fxe4 Nc7 21.a4 *(21.Nf3 h6 22.Be3 Kg7 23.Kf2 Rfe8 24.Bc2 a5 25.a4 b4 26.Nd2 f5 27.exf5 Nd5 28.Ne4 Nf6 29.Nxf6 Kxf6 30.Rh1 c5 31.dxc5 Bxc5 32.Bxc5 Rd2+ 33.Kf3 Rxc2 34.g4 Rxb2 35.Bd4+ Kf7* Hamoushi,M (2592)-Lemos,J (2522) Mexico City 2007 Telechess CBM 89 [Kilgour,SCC56 p33] ½-½ (40) *)* 21...h6 22.Kg2 Rd7 23.h4 gxh4 24.e5 Be7 25.gxh4 Kg7 26.axb5 axb5 27.Ne4 Ra8 28.Rxa8 Nxa8 29.Ng3 Bf8 30.Nf5+ Kh8 31.Bxh6 Bxh6 32.Nxh6 Kg7 33.Nxf7 Kaiser,W (2667)-Mcainsh,T (2639) Toulon 2006 CBM 131 [Michalczak] ½-½ (71) Nc7 34.Nd6 Kf8 35.Nf5 Nd5 36.e6 Rd8 37.h5 Ne7 38.Ng3 c5 39.Ne2 cxd4 40.cxd4 Nf5 41.h6 Ke7 42.d5 Rh8 43.Kf3 Rxh6 44.Bc2 Nd6 45.Ke3 Rh3+ 46.Kd4 Rh4+ 47.Kc3 Kf6 48.Kb3 Shirov,A (2685)-Kasparov,G (2785) Yerevan 1996 CBM 055 [Shirov,Alexei] ½-½ (71) Ke5 49.Nc3 Rd4 50.Bg6 Kf6 51.Bc2 Ke7 52.Bg6 Kd8 53.Bh5 b4 54.Na2 Rxd5 55.Bf7 Nxf7 56.exf7 Rf5 57.Kxb4 Rxf7 58.Nc3 Kc7 59.Kc4 Kd6 60.b4 Rf4+ 61.Kb3 Rh4 62.Nb5+ Ke5 63.Nc3 Jakovenko,D (2667)-Zhang,Z (2639) Ergun 2006 CBM 118 [Postny,Evgeny] ½-½ (71)]

[18...h6 19.Re1 Rae8 20.Nf3 g4 21.Bxh6 gxf3 22.Bxf8 Rxf8 23.Bd1 Bh3+ 24.Kg1 Bg2 25.a4 Kh8 26.Re4 b4 27.c4 Nf4 28.gxf4 Rg8 29.c5 5.♗e2 0-0-0 6.♗e3 (2665)-Skalusevic,L (2603) Hastings 2005 Telechess CBM 89 [CCYB 11\19]]

19.a4 b4

[19...Bxe4? 20.Nxe4 Be7 21.axb5± *(21.Nxg5 b4±; 21.Bxg5 Bxg5 22.Nxg5 b4±)*]

20.cxb4 Bxb4

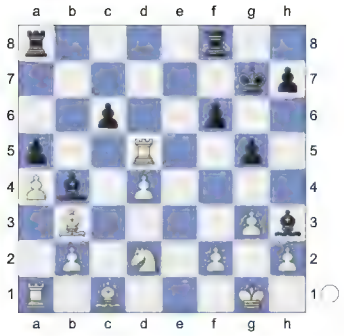


21.Re5 Bh3+ 22.Kg1 f6! 23.Rxd5

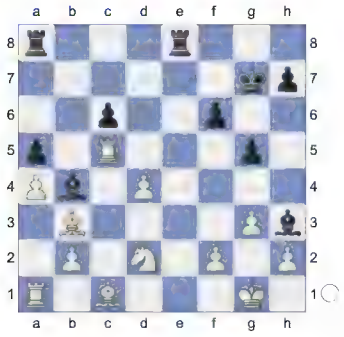
[23.Bxd5+ cxd5 24.Re3 *(24.Rxd5? Rfe8-+)* 24...Rfc8∓]

23...Kg7!

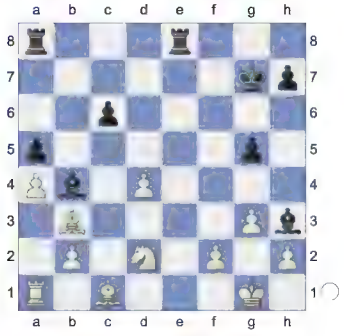
(Diagram)



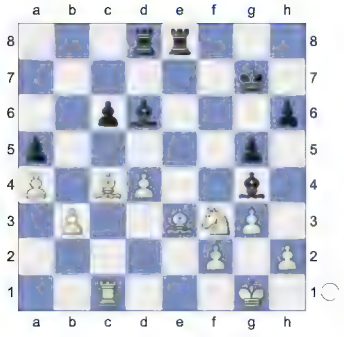
24.Rc5 -0.09/24 **Rfe8!=**



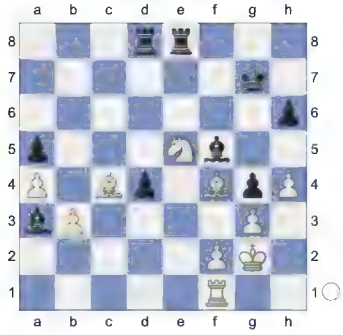
(→ ...Re1+) **25.Rxg5+! fxg5**



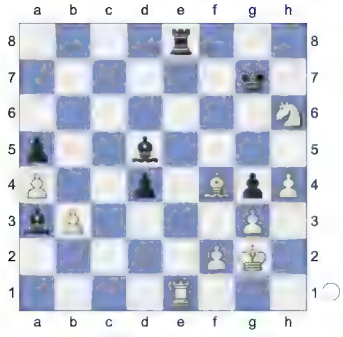
26.Nf3 Prevents Re1+. **26...h6 27.Bc4 Rab8 28.Be3 Bd6** Prevents Ne5. **29.b3 Rbd8 30.Rc1 Bg4** 0.39/21
[30...Ba3= 0.04/23 31.Re1 c5]



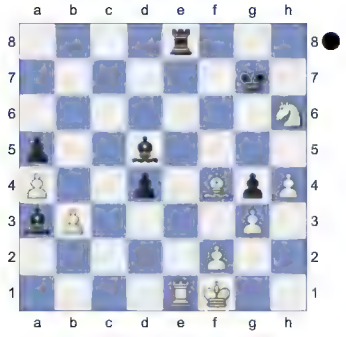
31.Kg2± Ba3 32.Rf1 Bf5! 33.h4 g4 34.Ne5 c5! 35.Bf4 cxd4



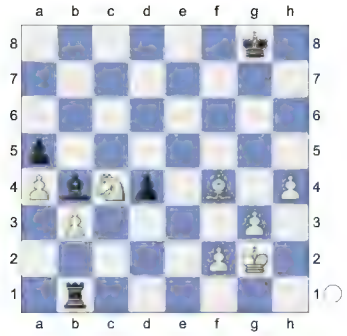
36.Nf7! Rc8 37.Nxh6 Bd7 38.Bb5 The board is on fire. **38...Be6 39.Bxe8 Rxe8 40.Re1**
[40.Rd1!?]
40...Bd5+



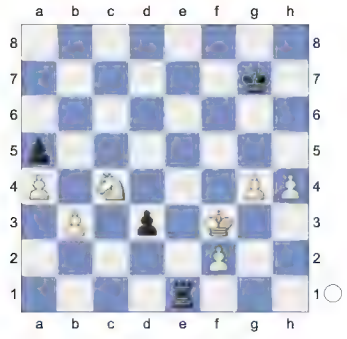
Discovered Attack. A strong pair of Bishops. **41.Kf1**



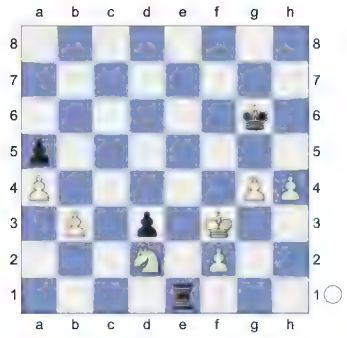
Bg2+! 42.Kxg2 Rxe1 43.Nxg4= E n d g a m e K R B - K B N **43...Bb4** Strongly threatening ...d3. **44.Ne5**
[44.Be5+ Kf8 45.Bxd4 Re4∓]
44...Rb1 45.Nc4 -0.30/23
[⌓45.Nf3 0.01/20]
45...Kg8



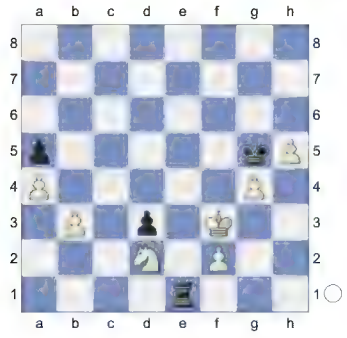
46.Bd2 -0.63/22
[46.Kf3!= -0.07/23]
46...Bxd2∓ 47.Nxd2 KR-KN **47...Rd1** -0.08/24
[47...Rb2∓ -0.47/26 48.Nc4 Rxb3]
48.Nc4= d3! 49.Kf3 Black must now prevent Ke3.
[49.Nxa5? Rc1 50.Nc4 Rxc4!-+]
49...Re1 50.g4
[50.Nxa5 d2 51.Kf4 d1Q 52.Nc6 Qc1+ 53.Kg4 Qxc6 54.f4 Qg6+ 55.Kf3 Qe6 56.g4 Qe2+ 57.Kg3 Rg1+ 58.Kh3 Qg2#]
50...Kg7



51.Nd2
[51.Nxa5 d2 52.Kg3 d1Q 53.Nc4 Rg1+ 54.Kf4 Rxg4+ 55.Ke3 Qxb3+ 56.Ke2 Rxc4 57.Ke1 Rc2 58.Kf1 Qh3+ 59.Kg1 Rc1#]
51...Re2 52.Nc4 Re8 53.Nd2
[53.Nxa5 d2 54.Kf4 d1Q 55.h5 Qd3 56.Nb7 Re4+ 57.Kg5 Qd2+ 58.Kh4 Qxf2+ 59.Kh3 Re3#]
53...Re1 54.Nc4 Kh6 55.Nd2
[55.Nxa5 d2 56.Kg3 d1Q 57.Nc4 Rg1+ 58.Kf4 Rxg4+ 59.Kf5 Qd7+ 60.Ke5 Qd4+ 61.Ke6 Rg6+ 62.Ke7 Qa7+ 63.Kf8 Rg7 64.f4 Qf7#]
55...Kg6



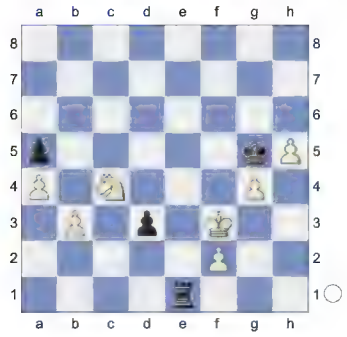
56.h5+ -0.47/32
[56.Nc4= -0.01/29]
56...Kh6 Black has compensation.
57.Nc4! Re6 58.Nd2 -0.48/31
[58.Nxa5 d2 59.Kg3 d1Q 60.Nc4 Qe1]
[58.Kg3= -0.01/33]
58...Re7 59.Nc4! Re1 60.Nd2 Kg5



61.Nc4 Kh6 -0.01/31
[61...Re6∓ -0.47/31]
62.Nd2
[62.Nxa5 d2 63.Kg3 d1Q 64.Nc4 Qd4 65.Ne3 Kg5 66.Ng2 Qxg4+ 67.Kh2 Re2 68.Kg1 Qf3 69.Kh2 Rxf2 70.Kh1 Qxg2#]
62...Re5 -0.01/31 **63.Nc4! Re7 64.Nd2**
[64.Nxa5 d2 65.Kg3 d1Q 66.Nc4 Qe1 67.Nd6 Re2 68.Nf7+ Kg7 69.h6+ Kxf7 70.Kh4 *(70.g5 Qxf2+ 71.Kh3 Qf3+ 72.Kh4 Rh2#)*
70...Qxf2+ 71.Kh5 Qh2+ 72.Kg5

Re5#]

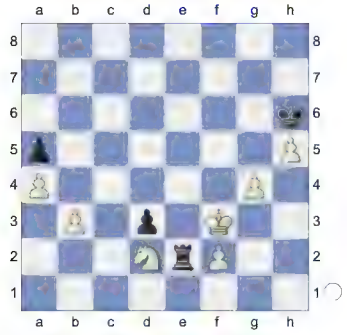
64...Re1 0.01/23 **65.Nc4! Kg5**



66.Nd2 Re6 -0.01/27 **67.Nc4! Re1** 0.01/27 **68.Nd2 Re8∓** -0.49/30 **69.Nc4 Kh6** -0.01/30

[69...Rb8∓ -0.48/28]

70.Nd2 Re2



71.Nc4! Re8 72.Nd2

[72.Nxa5 d2 73.Kg3 d1Q 74.Nc4 Rf8 75.f4 Qxb3+ 76.Kh4 Rxf4 77.Nd6 Qd5]

72...Re2 73.Nc4! Re7 74.Nd2 Re8∓ -0.01/30 **75.Nc4! Kg5**

76.Nd2 -0.50/28

[76.Kg3= -0.01/29]

76...Re1 -0.01/23

[76...Kh4∓ -0.50/28]

77.Nc4 Re8!∓ -0.47/27 should be considered. **78.Nd2 Re2** -0.01/27

[78...Rf8+ 79.Ke3±]

[78...Re7!∓ -0.48/28]

79.Nc4 Re7 80.Nd2 -0.55/25

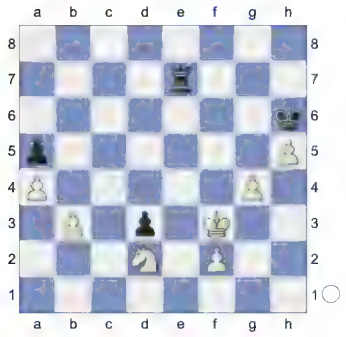
[80.Nxa5 d2 81.Kg3 d1Q 82.f4+ Kh6 83.Kh4 Qe1+ 84.Kh3 Re3+ 85.Kh2 Qg3+ 86.Kh1 Re1#]

[80.Kg3= -0.01/28]

80...Kh6 -0.01/24

[80...Rf7+ 81.Ke3=]

[80...Kh4!∓ -0.55/25]



81.Nc4! Kg7 82.Nd2

[82.Nxa5 d2 83.Kf4 d1Q 84.Nc6 Re2 85.h6+ Kxh6 86.b4 Rxf2+ 87.Ke4 Re2+ 88.Kf4 Qf1+ 89.Kg3 Qf2+ 90.Kh3 Qh2#]

82...Re1 83.g5 -0.40/27

[83.Nc4!= -0.01/29 is more appropriate.]

83...Kh7

[83...Kg8∓ -0.32/25]

84.Nc4= 0.01/26 **Kg7 85.Kg4=** 0.01/28 was preferrable. **85...Re2**

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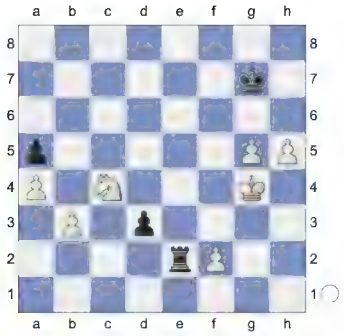
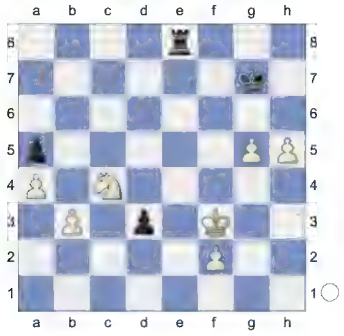
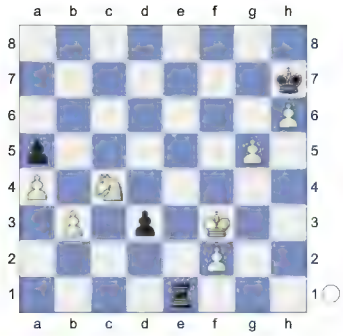


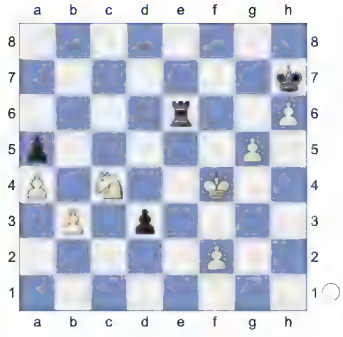
86.Kf3 Re7 87.Nd2 -0.40/29
[87.Kg4= -0.01/29]
87...Re8 -0.01/28 **88.Nc4 Re7 89.Nd2**
[89.Nxa5 d2 90.Kg3 d1Q 91.Nc4 Qg1+ 92.Kf3 Qxg5 93.Ne3 *(93.h6+ Qxh6 94.Ne3 Rf7+ 95.Ke2 Qh5+ 96.Kd2 Rxf2+ 97.Kd3 Qe5 98.Nd1 Qd5+ 99.Kc3 Rd2 100.Kb4 Rxd1 101.a5 Rd3 102.a6 Rxb3+ 103.Ka4 Qb5#)* 93...Rf7+ 94.Ke4 Rxf2 95.Nc4 Qf5+ 96.Kd4 Rf3 97.Ne3 Qf4+ 98.Kd5 Rxe3 99.h6+ Kf7 100.Kc6 Rc3+ 101.Kb6 Qc7+ 102.Kb5 Rxb3+ 103.Ka6 Qb6#]
89...Re1 90.Nc4 Re8



91.Nd2 -0.40/28
[91.Kg3= -0.01/28]
91...Re5∓ -0.40/29 **92.Nc4 Re1** 0.01/28
[92...Rxg5∓ -0.40/27 93.Ke4 d2 94.h6+ Kxh6 95.Nxd2 Rg4+ 96.Kd5 Rh4]
93.Nd2 -0.32/25 **Kh7** 0.01/26 **94.h6** -0.89/30 **Re7** -0.46/27
[94...Kg6∓ -0.89/30]
95.Nc4! Re1 -0.01/32



96.Nd2=
[96.Nxa5 d2 97.g6+ Kxg6 98.Kg3 d1Q 99.Nc4 Rg1+ 100.Kf4 Rg4+ 101.Ke3 Qxb3+ 102.Ke2 Rxc4 103.Ke1 Rc2 104.Kf1 Qh3+ 105.Kg1 Rc1#]
96...Re2 -0.41/28
[96...Re6∓ -1.03/32]
97.Nc4∓ Re8 98.Kg4!= 0.01/28 remains equal. **98...Re4+ 99.Kf3! Re8 100.Kf4** -0.75/32
[100.Nxa5 d2 101.g6+ Kxg6 102.Kg3 d1Q 103.Nc4 Rf8 104.f4 Qxb3+ 105.Kg2 *(105.Kh2 Qxc4 106.Kg3 Qxf4+ 107.Kg2 Qh4 108.Kg1 Qg3+ 109.Kh1 Rf1#)* 105...Qxc4 106.Kh1 Rxf4 107.Kh2 Qc2+ 108.Kh3 Rf3+ 109.Kh4 Qxa4#]
100...Re6 -0.07/31



101.Kf3 -0.86/32
[101.Kg3= -0.07/31]

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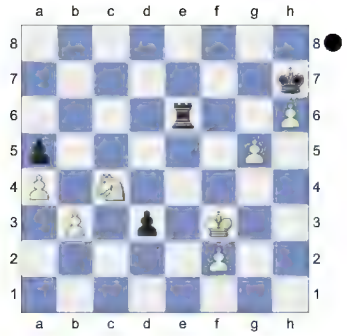
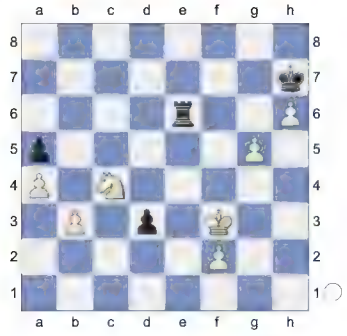


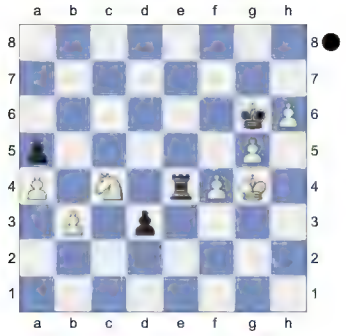
101...Re7 -0.01/28 **102.Kg4=**
[102.Nxa5 d2 103.Kg3 d1Q 104.g6+ Kxh6 105.Nc4 Qe1 106.Nd6 Qg1+ 107.Kf4 Qxf2+ 108.Kg4 Kxg6 109.b4 Re3]
102...Rd7 103.Nd2
[103.Nxa5 d2 104.Nc4 d1Q+ 105.Kf4 Qxb3 106.Ne3 Rf7+ 107.Kg3 Qxa4 108.Ng2 Qb3+ 109.Ne3 Qb8+ 110.Kg2 Qf4 111.Nd1 Qf3+ 112.Kf1 Rd7 113.Ne3 Rd2 114.g6+ Kxg6 115.Kg1 Qxf2+ 116.Kh1 Qh2#]
103...Re7 Threatens to win with ...Re2.
104.Nc4! Re2 105.Kf3!
[105.Nxa5 d2 106.Kf5 *(106.Nc4 d1Q 107.Kf3 Re5+ 108.Kf4 Qd4+ 109.Kg3 Rxg5+ 110.Kf3 Rf5+ 111.Ke2 Rxf2+ 112.Ke1 Rc2)* 106...d1Q 107.g6+ Kxh6 108.Nc4 Qd5+ 109.Kf4 Rxf2+ 110.Ke3 Rf3+ 111.Ke2 Qd3+ 112.Ke1 Rf1#]
105...Re6



106.Nd2= 0.01/28
[106.Kg4!= -0.01/27]

106...Re1 107.Nc4! Re6 108.Kf4 -0.40/26
[108.Nxa5 d2 109.Nc4 d1Q+ 110.Kg3 Qg1+ *(110...Qe1 111.Kf3 Re2 112.Ne3 Qxf2+ 113.Ke4 Qxe3+ 114.Kd5 Rc2 115.Kd6 Qd4+ 116.Ke6 Re2+ 117.Kf5 Qe4+ 118.Kf6 Qg6#)* 111.Kf3 Qxg5 112.Ne3 Qh5+ 113.Kg3 Rg6+ 114.Kf4 Rf6+ 115.Ke4 Rxf2 116.a5 *(116.Kd3 Qe5 117.Kc4 Qxe3 118.Kd5 Rf5+ 119.Kd6 Qc5+ 120.Ke6 Qd5+ 121.Ke7 Rf7+ 122.Ke8 Qd7#)* 116...Qg6+ 117.Kd4 Qd6+ 118.Kc3 Rf3 119.a6 Rxe3+ 120.Kc4 Re4+ 121.Kc3 Qd4+ 122.Kc2 Re2+ 123.Kc1 Qg1#]
108...Re1 -0.01/25 **109.Kf3 Kg6**
110.Kg4!= 0.01/29 **Re4+**

111.Kf3!
[111.f4



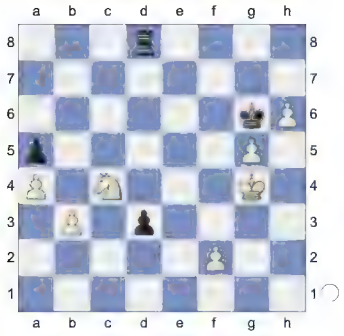
Rxc4! 112.Kf3 Rd4 113.f5+ Kxg5-+]
111...Re6!∓ -0.86/32 **112.Kg4!=** 0.01/25
[112.Nxa5 d2 113.Kg3 d1Q 114.Nc4 Qxb3+ *(114...Kxg5*

115.Ne3 Qe2 116.Ng2 Qg4+ 117.Kh2 Re2 118.Kg1 Qf3 119.Kh2 Rxf2 120.h7 Qxg2#) 115.Ne3 Kxg5 116.h7 Qb8+ 117.Kf3 Rf6+ 118.Kg2 Qb7+ 119.Kh2 Qxh7+ 120.Kg1 Qh4 121.Nd1 Qg4+ 122.Kf1 Qxd1+ 123.Kg2 Qf3+ 124.Kh2 Rh6+ 125.Kg1 Rh1#]

112...Re2 113.Kf3 Re1 114.Kf4 Re8∓ -0.75/32 **115.Kg4!**

[115.Nxa5 d2 116.Nc4 Rf8+ 117.Ke4 d1Q 118.f4 Qc2+ 119.Kd4 Rxf4+ 120.Kc5 Qxb3 121.Nb6 Qc3+ 122.Kd6 Rd4+ 123.Nd5 Qc4 124.a5 Rxd5+ 125.Ke7 Qf4 126.Ke8 Qf7#]

115...Rd8!



116.Nd2 Rc8 117.Kf4 Re8 aiming for ...Re2. **118.Nc4! Re1** 0.01/26 **119.Kf3** -0.39/27 **Re8** 0.01/31 **120.Kg4**

[120.Nxa5 d2 121.Kg3 d1Q 122.Nc4 Qxb3+ *(122...Rf8 123.Ne5+ Kxg5 124.Kg2 Qe2)* 123.Ne3 Qxa4 124.h7 Kxg5 125.Kf3 Qe4+ 126.Ke2 Qxh7 127.Kf3 Qd3 128.Kg3 Qe2 129.Ng2 Qg4+ 130.Kh2 Rh8+ 131.Kg1 Qf3]

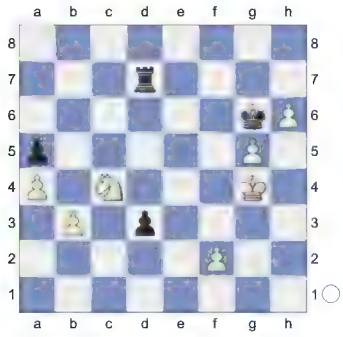
120...Re2

(Diagram)

121.Kf3 Re7∓ -0.39/34 **122.Kf4 Re1 123.Kf3** -0.38/25 **Re6** -0.01/29 **124.Kf4 Re7!∓** -0.32/28 is superior. **125.Kg4!**

[125.Nxa5? d2 126.Nc6 Rf7+ 127.Kg3 d1Q-+]

125...Rd7!



126.Nd2!

[126.Ne5+? Kh7 127.Nxd7 d2-+]

126...Rc7! And now ...Rc2 would win.

127.Kf4! Re7 -0.01/22

[127...Rf7+∓ -0.39/24 128.Ke3 Kxg5]

128.Nc4! Re6 129.Kf3 -0.37/25 **Kf7** -0.01/25

[129...Kxg5∓ -0.37/25 feels stronger. 130.h7 Re8]

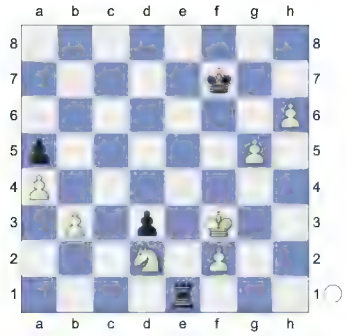
130.Nd2 -0.35/24

[130.Kg2= -0.01/25 might be stronger.]

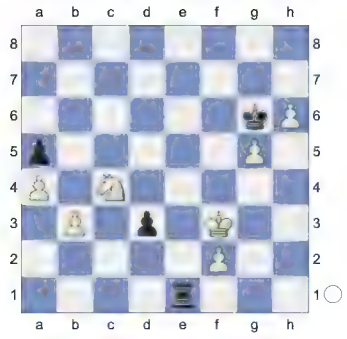
130...Re1 -0.01/25

[130...Re5!∓ -0.35/24]

(Diagram)



131.Nc4! The position is equal.
131...Re6 132.Kf4
[132.Nxa5 d2 133.Kg3 d1Q 134.Nc4 Qg1+ 135.Kf3 Qxg5 136.Ne3 Qh5+ 137.Kg3 Rg6+ 138.Kf4 Qh4+ 139.Ke5 Rxh6 *(139...Re6+ 140.Kd5 Qe4+ 141.Kc5 Re5+ 142.Kd6 Qd4+)* 140.Nc4 Rh5+ 141.Kd6 Qe7+ 142.Kc6 Rc5+ 143.Kb6 Qc7+ 144.Ka6 Rc6+ 145.Kb5 Qb7+ 146.Ka5 Rc5#]
132...Kg6!∓ -0.40/26 **133.Kf3**
[Don't blunder 133.Nxa5? d2 134.h7 *(134.Nc4 d1Q-+)* 134...Kxh7-+]
[Not 133.f3? Re2 134.Kg4 *(134.Kg3 d2 135.Nxd2 Rxd2-+)* 134...d2 135.Nxd2 Rg2+ 136.Kf4 Rxd2-+]
133...Re1



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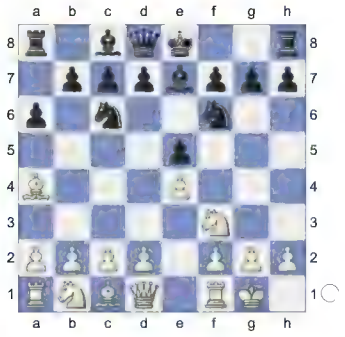
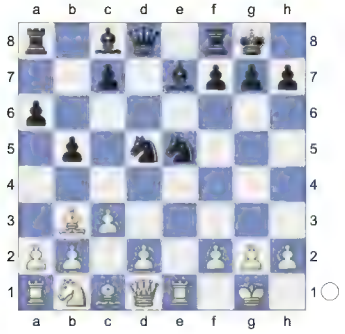
46 **C89**
□ **Project Shashchess** **2998**
■ **Caissa,X** **3022**
Blitz 19.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

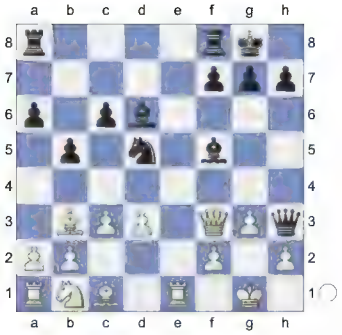


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

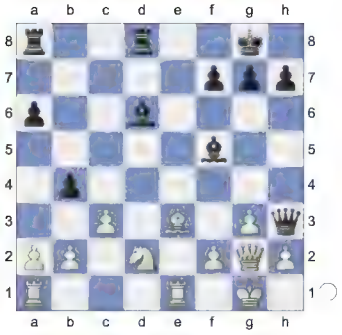


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 0.35/22 **15.g3±**
[Reject 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

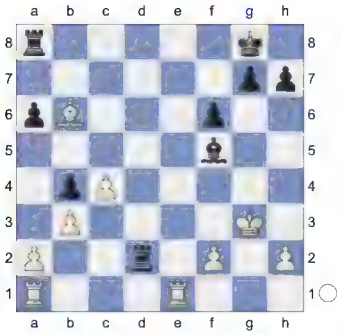
(Diagram)



16.Be3 Bxd3 White is slightly better.
[16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
17.Nd2 Bf5
[Don't take 17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]
18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rfd8 20.Qg2 b4



21.Bb6 Qxg2+ 22.Kxg2 Rd7 23.c4 Bxg3 24.Kxg3 0.01/19
[24.hxg3± 0.39/18 Rxd2 25.Re5]
24...Rxd2= 25.b3 f6



26.Ba5N Rb8 27.Red1 Rb2 28.h4 h6 29.f3 Re8 30.Bxb4 Ree2

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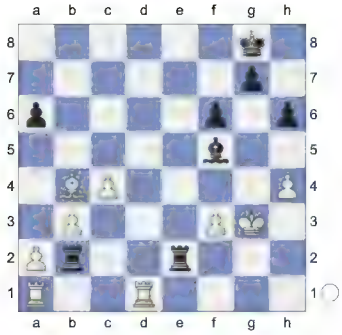
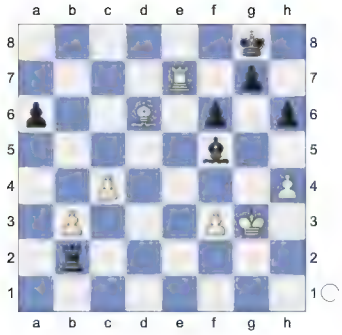


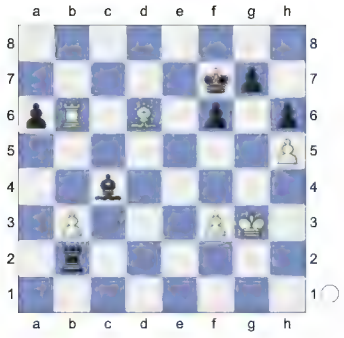
31.Re1 -0.01/20
[31.Rd8+± 0.31/20 might be stronger. Kh7 32.Re1]
31...Rxa2
[31...Rh2 keeps more tension. 32.Re8+ Kh7 33.Re7 Bb1]
32.Rxa2 Rxa2 Endgame KRB-KRB
33.Re8+ Kf7 34.Re7+ Kg8 35.Bd6 Rb2



36.Rb7 0.01/19
[36.Kf4± 0.35/22 deserves consideration. Bb1 37.c5]
36...Be6 37.Rb8+ Kh7! 38.Rb7 Kg8 Inhibits Bf8. **39.Rb6 Kf7 40.h5**

Bxc4!

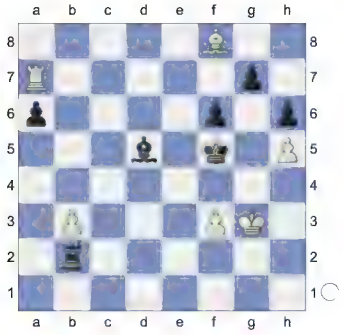
(Diagram)



41.Rb7+ Ke6 42.Bf8 Re7+ is the strong threat. **42...Bd5**

[Much less strong is 42...Bxb3 43.Bxg7 a5 44.Bxh6±]

43.Re7+ Kf5 44.Rd7 Ba8 45.Ra7 Bd5



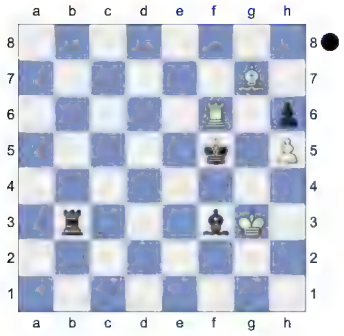
46.Rd7 Ba8 47.Ra7 Bc6 48.Rxa6 Bxf3 1.31/22 **49.Bxg7** 0.01/23

[49.Kxf3± 1.31/22 Rxb3+ 50.Kg2]

49...Rxb3 1.30/25

[49...Rg2+= 0.01/23 50.Kxf3 Rxg7]

50.Rxf6+



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47 **C89**

□ **Iljushenok,Ilia** **2519**

■ **Bespalov,Elisei** **2117**

TCh-RUS Rapid 2024 (4.11) 18.10.2024

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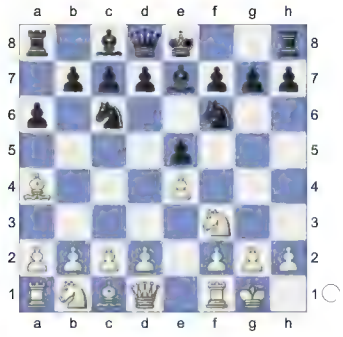
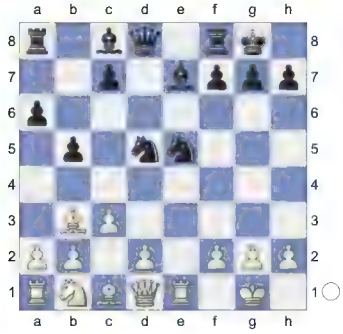
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

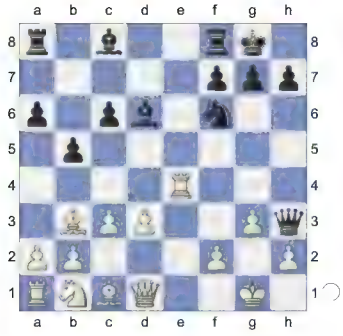
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

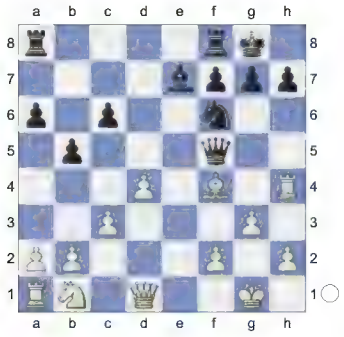


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6!

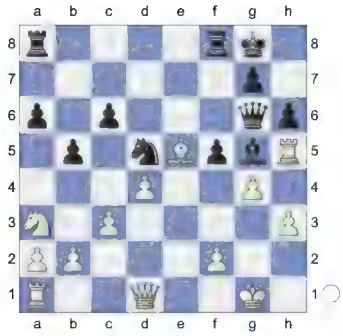


outshines the older 15...Qf5.erfolgreicher als das alte 15...Df5. **16.Rh4 Qf5**

17.Bc2 Qg6 18.d4 -0.01/23
[18.Nd2± 0.52/21]
18...Bf5= 19.Bxf5 Qxf5 20.Bf4 Be7↑

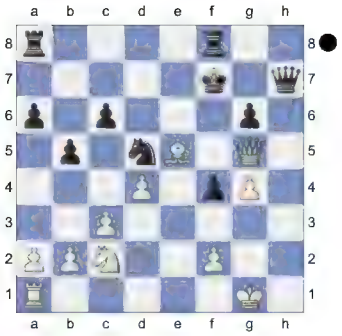


Black is more active. **21.Be5** -0.71/22
[21.Bc1= -0.22/20]
21...Nd5!∓ Black has strong compensation. **22.g4 Qg6** 0x0.002ec96679ffdp-1022s more active pieces. **23.Rh5N**
[23.Rh3 f6 24.Bg3 f5 25.gxf5 Rxf5 26.Kh1 h5 27.Be5 Rxf2 28.Rg3 Bg5 29.Nd2 h4 30.Rg1 Ne3 31.Qe1 Qf7 32.Qxf2 Qxf2 33.Rxg5 Ra7 0-1 (33) Mohandesi,S (2530)-Peter,W (2638) Florianopolis 2008 Telechess CBM 89 [Anil Kumar Anand]]
23...f5!N
[23...f6 0.17/20 23...f5 -0.77 24.Bg3 Rae8 25.Nd2 Bd8 26.Rc1 Rf7 27.Qf3 Rfe7 28.c4 Nb4? 2.30/21 *(28...bxc4!± 0.39/19 29.Rxc4 Re6)* 29.cxb5!+- Re1+ 3.78/22 *(⌓29...axb5 2.56/20 30.Qb3+ Re6 31.Qxb4 Qxg4)* 30.Rxe1+- Rxe1+ 1-0 Pardo Robles,J (1874)-Rodriguez Gomez,V (2026) Collado Villalba op-A 27th 2010 (2)]
24.h3 Bg5! 25.Na3 -2.02/21
[25.Qc2∓ -0.86/19 was necessary.]
25...h6 -0.64/21
[25...Bf4-+ -2.02/21 And now ...Bxe5 would win. 26.Qf3 Rae8! 27.Bxf4 fxg4 28.Qxg4 Nxf4 29.Qxg6 Nxg6]

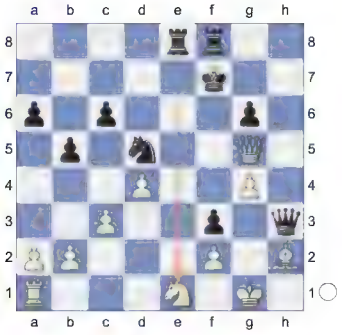


26.Qd3 -1.04/20
[26.Nc2∓ -0.64/21]
26...Qf7 Hoping for ...fxg4. **27.Qg3** -1.68/20
[27.Qf3∓ -0.87/21 was worth a try.]
27...g6 -0.70/19
[27...fxg4-+ -1.68/20 28.hxg4 Rae8]
28.Rxg5∓ hxg5 29.h4 -1.37/21
[29.Nc2∓ -0.40/21]
29...f4 -0.55/21
[Black should try 29...Nf4∓ -1.37/21 Threatens to win with ...Ne2+. 30.Bxf4 gxf4]
30.Qh2 -0.94/22
[30.Qh3∓ -0.55/21 is superior.]
30...gxh4 -0.10/21
[30...Qe6∓ -0.94/22 31.hxg5 Qxg4+ 32.Kf1 Qh5 33.Qxh5 gxh5]

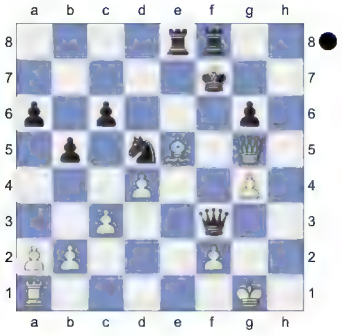
31.Qxh4= Qh7 Inhibits Qh8+. **32.Qg5** -6.03/24 Now White is beyond hope.
[32.Qxh7+= -0.01/22 Kxh7 33.Nc2]
32...f3? -2.37/24
[32...Kf7 -6.03/24 33.Nc2 *(33.c4? Rh8-+)*



33...Rh8!]
33.Nc2? -13.43/22
[33.c4 -2.37/24 bxc4 34.Nxc4]
33...Kf7-+ 34.Bh2 Qh3 35.Ne1
Inhibits Qg2+. **35...Rae8**



Inhibits Qe5. (-> ...Rxe1+!) **36.Nxf3 Qxf3 37.Be5**



Prevents Rh8. **37...Rh8!**

(Diagram)

Prevents Qh4.
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48 **C89**
□ **Asliceofpi** **2629**
■ **Inanisbot** **2562**
Rapid 18.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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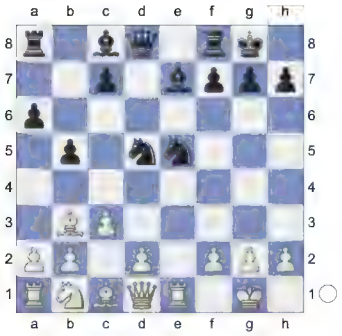
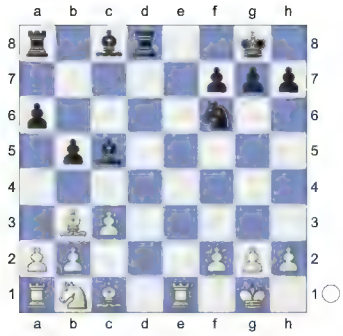
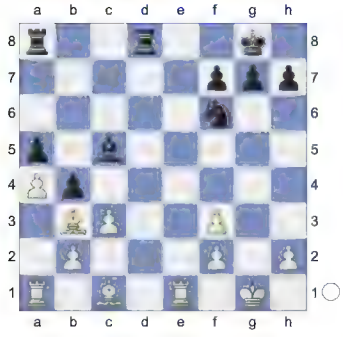


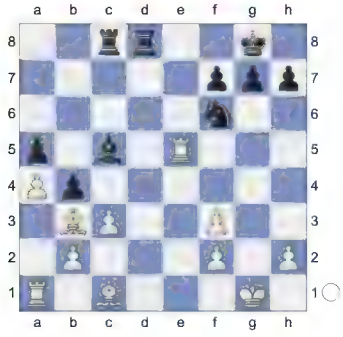
11.Rxe5 Nf6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 &Bianco is more active. **13...c5N**
[13...Ng4 14.h3 Qh4 15.Qf3 h5 *(15...Bh2+ 16.Kf1 Be6 17.Bf4 Bf5 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.Qxg3 Qh6 20.Kg1 Nf6 21.a4 bxa4 22.Bxa4 Rab8 23.b4 a5 24.b5 Nh5 25.Qe3 Nf4 26.Nd2 Rb6 27.Nf1 Re6 28.Qf3 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Nxh3+ 30.Kg2* Borodenko-Zhilin Rostov 1956 The Total Marshall [Harding] ½-½ (32) *; 15...Nxf2 16.Re2 Ng4 17.g3 Qxg3+ 18.Qxg3 Bxg3 19.hxg4 Bb7 20.Nd2 Rae8 21.Bd1 Rxe2 22.Bxe2 Re8 23.Kf1 Re6 24.Nf3 Rg6 25.g5 f6 26.Be3 fxg5 27.Ne5 Rf6+ 28.Kg1 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Re6 30.Bd4* Sorensen,H-Hintikka,E corr 1984 UltraCorr3a [Harding] 0-1 (36)*)* 16.Re2 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Rb8 18.Bxf7+ *(18.Re8 Be6 19.Rxb8 Rxb8 20.Be3* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Survey 2006 *)* 18...Kh8 19.Qd5 Be5 20.Nd2 Bb7 21.Nf3 Qxf2 22.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 23.Kg1 Bxd5 24.Nxe5 Bxf7 25.Kxf2 Be6+ 26.Ke2 Kh7 27.Be3 Rbe8 28.a4 Smeets,J (2515)-Perdomo,L (2312) Kochi 2004 CI1-130 [Perdomo, L] 0-1 (35)]
14.dxc5
[14.Bg5 with more complications. Bb7 15.a4 h6 16.Bh4]
14...Bxc5 15.Qxd8 Rxd8
(Diagram)



White is slightly better. **16.Nd2 Bb7 17.Nf3 Bxf3** 1.10/20
[17...Ng4± 0.64/19 is more appropriate. 18.Nd4 h6]
18.gxf3± a5 1.58/21
[⌓18...h6 1.05/19]
19.a4! b4

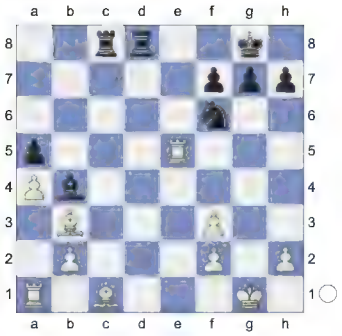


20.Re5! Rac8

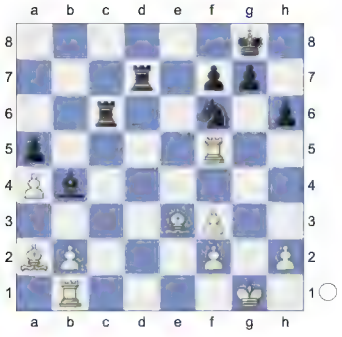


21.cxb4 Bxb4

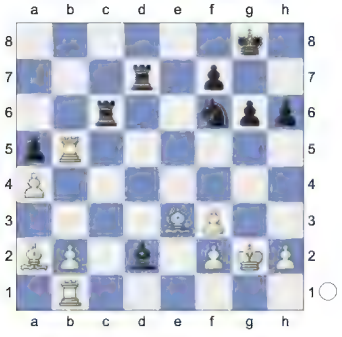
(Diagram)



22.Be3! Rd3 23.Ba2 Rd7 1.54/21
[Better is 23...g6 1.07/21]
24.Rf5 1.22/20
[⌓24.Bb6 1.54/21]
24...h6 25.Rb1 Rc6

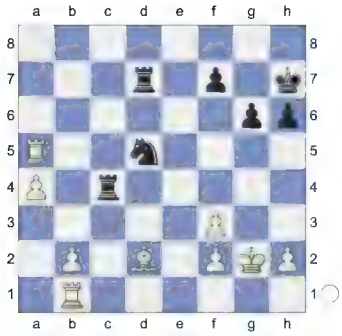


26.Kg2 g6 27.Rb5 Bd2

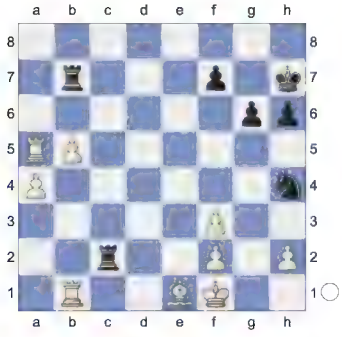


28.Bd5! Nxd5 1.69/21
[28...Rc2± 1.33/21 29.Bb3 Rc6]
[28...Rxd5 29.Rxd5]
29.Bxd2+- Rc4 2.48/22
[⌓29...g5 1.67/20 30.Bxa5 *(30.Rxa5 Rc2±)* 30...Nf4+ 31.Kf1 Ra6]
30.Rxa5 Kh7

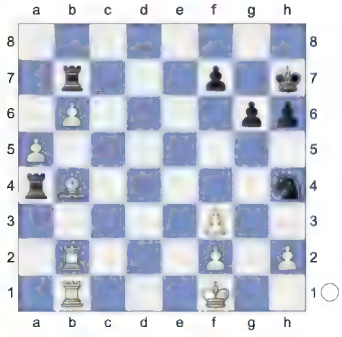
(Diagram)



31.b4 Rc2 32.Be1 Ne3+ 3.00/22
[⌓32...Ra2 2.00/18 33.Kg3 Nb6]
33.Kg1 Nf5 3.78/22
[⌓33...Nc4 2.67/23]
34.b5 Rb7 35.Kf1 Nh4

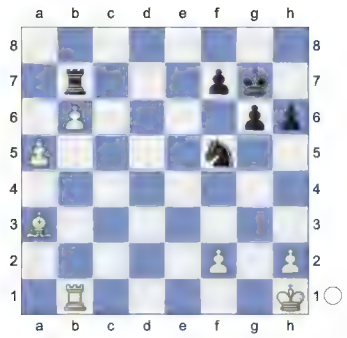


36.b6 aiming for Ra7. **36...Rc6 37.Rab5** Hoping for a5. **37...Rc2 38.a5 Ra2 39.R5b2 Ra3 40.Bb4 Ra4**

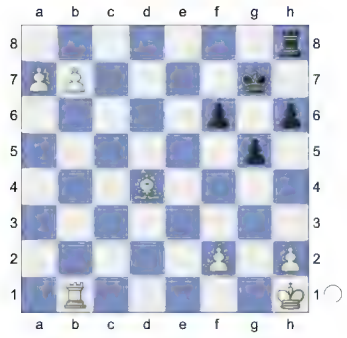


41.Rb3 Kg7 42.Ra3 Rxa3 43.Bxa3 Nxf3 Endgame KRB-KRN **44.Kg2 Nh4+ 45.Kh1 Nf5**

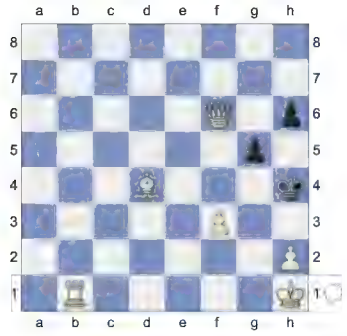
(Diagram)



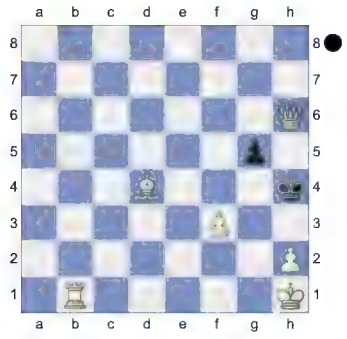
46.a6 Rb8 47.b7 White wants to mate with a7. **47...Nd4 48.Bb2** White mates. **48...f6 49.Bxd4** KRB-KR **49...Rh8 50.a7 g5**



51.b8Q Rxb8 52.axb8Q Kf7 53.Qd6 Kg6 54.Qxf6+ Kh5 55.f3 Kh4



56.Qxh6#



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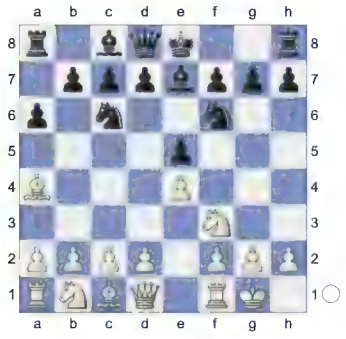
49 **C89**
☐ **Warsia,Khusbu** **1959**
■ **Vallee,Louis** **2314**
Titled 5. Oct Early (10) 15.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Rh5 -0.17/21
[⌓13.Re1 0.21/19]
13...Re8 0.21/20
[⌓13...g6 -0.17/21 14.Rh6 *(14.Bxd5 cxd5 15.Rh6 Re8 16.g3 Bg4 17.Qf1 Bf8 18.Rh4 Be2 19.Qh3 h5 20.Be3 Rxe3 21.fxe3 Qe7 22.e4 dxe4*

23.Nd2 f5 24.Re1 Bg4 25.Rxg4 hxg4 26.Qg2 Re8 27.Nf1 Bh6 28.Ne3 Qe6 Akesson,R (2467)-Malaniuk,V (2534) Warsaw POL 2006 [Glenn Flear] 0-1 (54) *29.a3 Qa2 30.Qc2 a5 31.Ng2 Qc4 32.Qe2 Qd5 33.Ne3 Qb3 34.Ng2 Rc8 35.Ra1 Kh7 36.Rf1 Rc4 37.Rf2 b4 38.axb4 axb4 39.Qc2 Qa2 40.Re2 bxc3 41.bxc3 Qa1+ 42.Re1 Qxc3 43.Qxc3 Rxc3* Bremner,J (1670)-Zolnierowicz,K (2017) St Petersburg 2023 The Week in Chess 509 [John Watson] 0-1 (54) *)* 14...Re8]

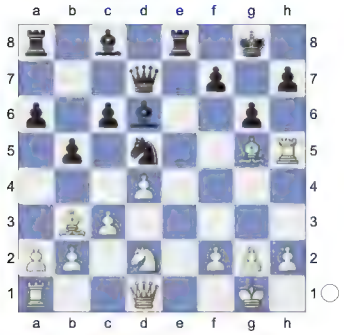
14.Bg5= Qd7N 0.50/20

[14...Qc7= 0.15/20 feels stronger. 15.Nd2 h6 16.Bxd5 cxd5]

[14...Bg4 15.f3 Ne3 16.Qd3 Bxh5 17.Bxd8 Bg6 18.Qd2 Raxd8 19.Na3 c5 20.Re1 cxd4 21.Nc2 Bxc2 22.Bxc2 Bc5 23.Be4 f5 24.Bd3 dxc3 25.Qxc3 Ng4+ 26.Qxc5 Rxe1+ 27.Bf1 Rdd1 28.Qc8+ Kf7 29.Qb7+ Piqueras Jimenez,M-Arellano Rodriguez,A corr 1990 UltraCorr3a [Mate Postal 107 p122] 0-1]

15.Nd2± White is slightly better. **15...g6** 0.99/20

[15...h6± 0.47/19 16.Bxd5 cxd5]



16.Rh4± Qf5 Prevents Ne4. **17.Nf3 f6 18.Bc2 Qe6**

(Diagram)

19.Re4! Qf7 And now ...Rxe4 would win. **20.Rxe8+ Qxe8**

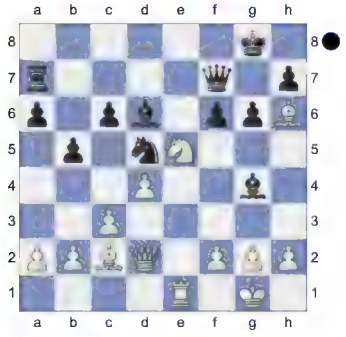
21.Bh6 Ra7 22.Qd2? -0.26/22

[22.a4± 1.29/18]

22...Bg4 0.73/19

[22...g5!= -0.26/22 keeps the balance.]

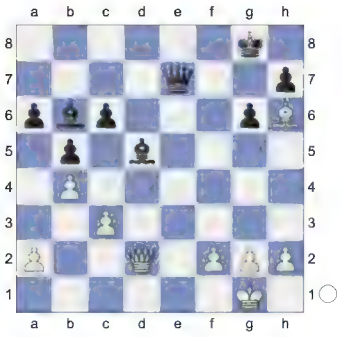
23.Re1 Qf7 24.Ne5 -1.14/19



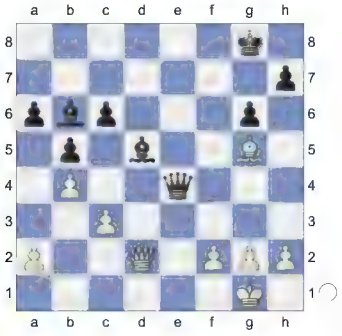
fxe5∓ 25.dxe5 Bc5

(Diagram)

26.e6 -2.53/21 Against Rd7
[26.h3∓ -1.53/18 Be6 27.Re2]
26...Bxe6-+ 27.b4 Bb6 28.Be4 Re7 29.Bxd5? -6.69/22
[29.Bf3 -2.86/19]
29...Bxd5 30.Rxe7 Qxe7



31.Bg5 Qe4



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50 **C89**
□ **Integralbot** **2935**
■ **Patriciabot** **2721**
Blitz 15.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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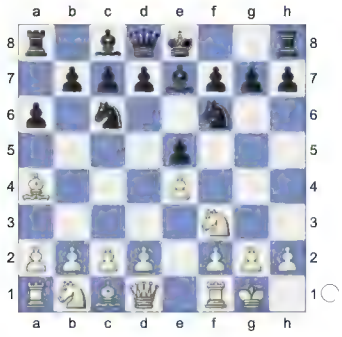
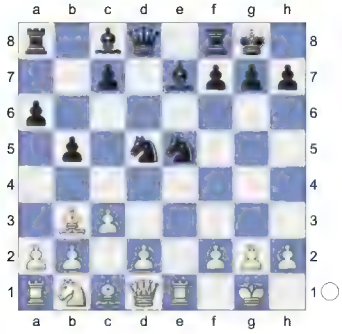


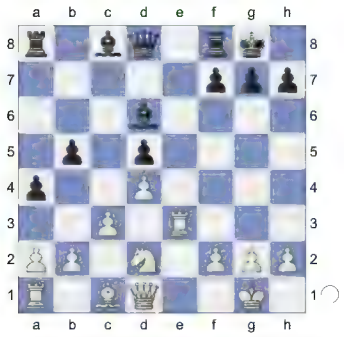
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re3 a5
[14...f5 15.Nd2 f4 16.Re1 Qg5 17.Nf3 Qh5 18.Ne5 Qh6 19.Qf3 Be6 20.Bd2 Rae8 21.a4 Rf5 22.axb5 axb5 23.b3 Qf6 24.h3 h5 25.Ra5 g5 26.Rxb5 g4 27.hxg4 hxg4 28.Nxg4 Qh4 29.Rb6 Monnard,L-Meinsohn,F (2205) Puteaux 1980 EXT 2007 [Primel, Dominique] 1-0]
15.Nd2N
[15.a4 bxa4 16.Rxa4 Ra6 17.Re1

Bf5 18.Ra1 Qh4 19.g3 Qh3 20.Qe2 Rfa8 21.Nd2 h5 22.Qf1 Qg4 23.Qg2 h4 24.f3 Qg6 25.g4 Bd3 26.Nf1 f5 C 89/07]

15...a4



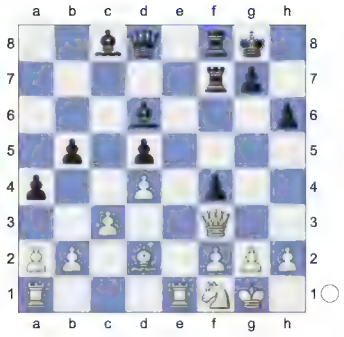
16.Nf1 f5 The position is equal. **17.Qh5** Strongly threatening Rh3. **17...Ra7** **18.Bd2 Raf7 19.Ree1**

[Much weaker is 19.Rh3 g6 20.Qh4 f4 21.Qxd8 Rxd8∓]

19...h6 0.59/18

[19...Qd7= 0.24/19]

20.Qf3± f4



21.Qxd5 f3 22.g3 Qd7 23.Qh5 Rf5 24.Qg6 0.13/21

[24.Qh4± 0.48/21]

24...Kh8 0.54/20

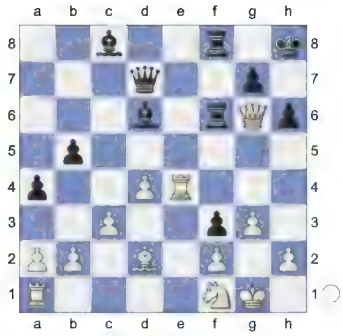
[24...R5f6= 0.13/21 25.Qd3 Rf5]

25.Re4 0.22/21

[25.Qg4± 0.54/20]

25...R5f6= 0.01/18

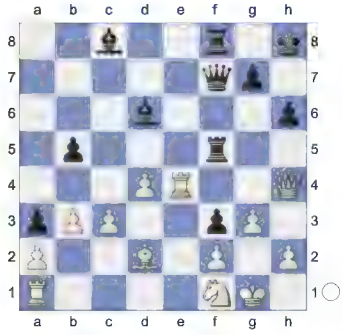
(Diagram)



26.Qh5 Rf5 27.Qg6 a3 0.73/22 **28.b3** 0.41/22

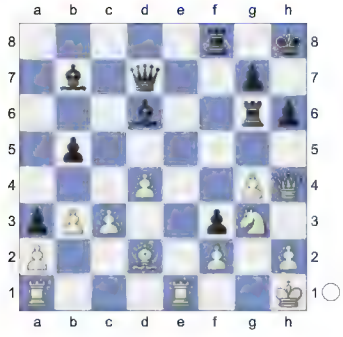
[Better is 28.bxa3± 0.73/22 R5f6 29.Qh5]

28...R5f6⇄ Black is fighting back **29.Qh5 Rf5 30.Qh4** aiming for Bxh6! **30...Qf7!**



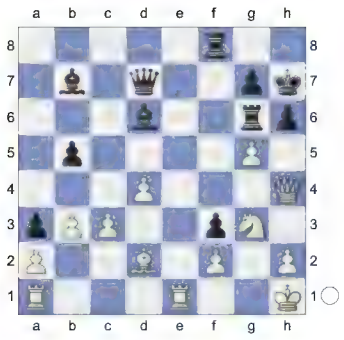
31.g4 Prevents Rh5. **31...Rf6 32.Ng3 Rg6 33.Kh1 Bb7 34.Ree1 Qd7** 0.84/21

[34...Bc8!= 0.21/20 35.g5 Kh7]



35.g5!± White stays focused until the end. **35...Kh7**

(Diagram)



36.c4 Against Bd5 **36...bxc4** **37.bxc4** Black must now prevent gxh6. **37...Bc8** 1.55/20

[Black should play 37...Be7 0.82/20]

38.Ne4 **Be7** **39.d5** 1.16/20

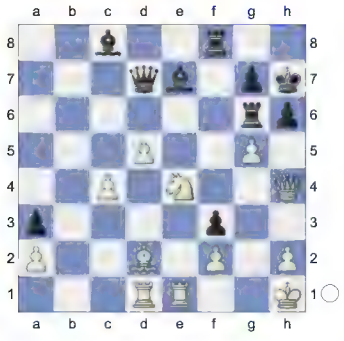
[White should try 39.Rad1 1.49/20]

39...Qc7 1.94/18

[39...Qf5± 1.16/20 might work better. 40.Qh5 Bd7]

40.Rad1+- Hoping for d6! **40...Qd7** 2.22/20

[40...Rf5± 1.60/18 was worth a try. 41.Rb1 Qd7]



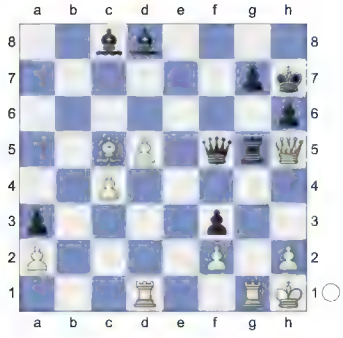
Inhibits d6. **41.Qh5** **Bd8** **42.Rg1** And now gxh6 would win. **42...Qf5**

43.Bb4! **Qxe4**

[43...Rg8 44.Qh4]

44.Bxf8 Dancing on a razor blade.

44...Qf5 **45.Bc5** **Rxg5**



46.Qe8 **Bf6** ...Rg2! is the strong threat.

47.Rxg5

[Inferior is 47.Bxa3 Rg2 48.Bd6 *(48.Rxg2? fxg2+ 49.Kg1 Be5-+)* 48...Rxf2∓]

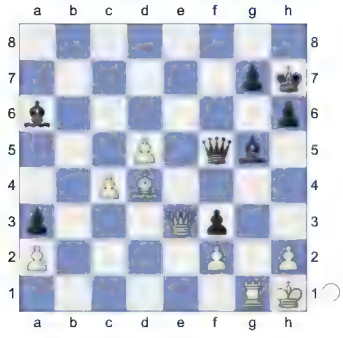
47...Qxg5 **48.Rg1** Against Qg2+

48...Qf5 **49.Qe3** **Ba6?** 9.11/23

[49...Qc2 3.75/20 50.Bd4 Bh3 51.Qxf3 Bxd4 52.Qxh3 Be5]

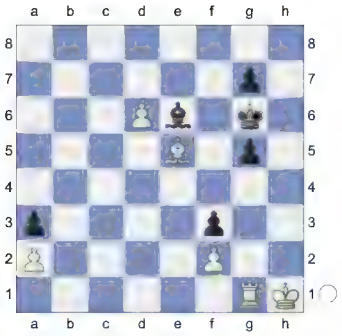
50.Bd4 White is clearly winning.

50...Bg5

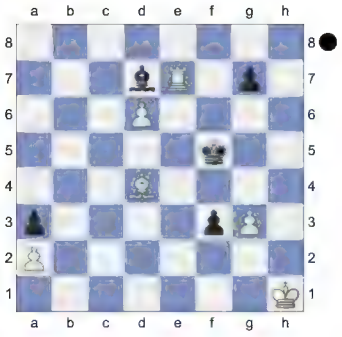


51.Qe5 **Qxe5** **52.Bxe5** **Bxc4** Endgame KRB-KB **53.d6** **Be6** **54.h4** **Kg6** **55.hxg5** **hxg5**

(Diagram)



56.Rd1 Bd7 57.Bd4 g4 58.Re1 g3 59.fxg3 Kf5 60.Re7



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51 **C89**
□ **Abbasi100** **2348**
■ **Kasihwinsaja** **2568**
Rapid 15.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

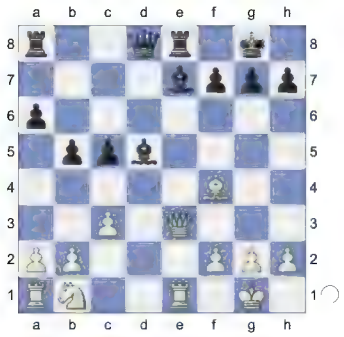
(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.d4 exd4

11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Bb7 13.Bxd5N
[13.Nd2
A) 13...Re8 14.Nf1 *(14.Nf3 c5 15.Qg4 Nf6 16.Qf5 g6 17.Qg5 c4 18.Bc2 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Ne4 20.Qh6 Nxf2 21.Rxe7 Qxe7 22.Bg5 Qxg5+* 0-1 (22) Hess,V (1319)-Moody,D (1332) FICGS 2008*)*
14...Bf6 15.Qd1 Rxe1 16.Qxe1 Qd7 17.f3 Re8 18.Qf2 Be5 19.Bc2 Nf4 20.Bxf4 Bxf4 21.Qh4 Bh6 22.Rd1 Qe6 23.Rd8 Bc6 24.h3 Be3+ 25.Kh1 g6 26.Bb3 Qe5 27.Nxe3 Qxe3 28.Qf6 Badmatsyrenov,O (2416)-Dubnevych,M (2391) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0;
B) 13...c5 14.Qe4 Bf6 15.Nf3 Re8 16.Qxe8+ Qxe8 17.Rxe8+ Rxe8 18.Bd2 c4 19.Bc2 b4 20.Rb1 bxc3 21.bxc3 Bc6 22.Nd4 Bxd4 23.cxd4 Kf8 24.Rd1 a5

25.a3 c3 26.Bc1 Bb5 27.Bb3 c2 Sanchez Buitrago,J-Pikes,G IECG 1965 ZUS C73 [John Watson] 0-1 (44)]

13...Bxd5 14.Bf4 c5 15.Qe3 Re8



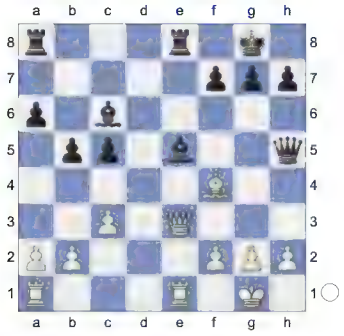
Strongly threatening ...Bd6. **16.Nd2** Black is better. **16...Bc6 17.Nf3 Qd5 18.Red1** -1.17/21

[White should try 18.Qe5 -0.71/19]

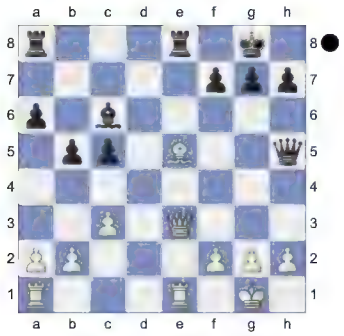
18...Qh5∓ White must now prevent ... Bf6. **19.Ne5 Bf6** A strong pair of Bishops. **20.Re1?** -3.37/24

[20.g4∓ -1.28/23 was called for. Qh4 21.Re1]

20...Bxe5-+



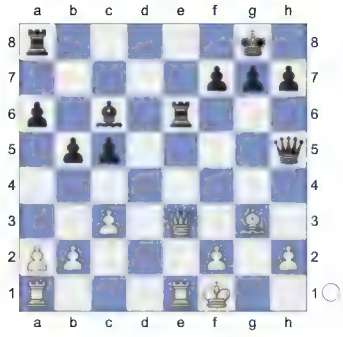
21.Bxe5



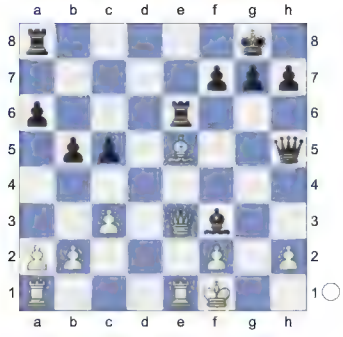
Re6!→ Black is out for blood. **22.Qg3?** -6.30/22

[22.g4 -2.58/21 Qg6 23.Qg3]

22...Rg6 Black is clearly winning. **23.Qe3 Rxg2+ 24.Kf1 Rg6 25.Bg3 Re6**



(→ ...Qh3+) **26.Be5 Bf3**



White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=1.26/Black=0.03 (flawless)

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52 **C89**

□ **jpg-bot** **2446**

■ **bot_adario** **2730**

Rapid 12.10.2024

[Kttiy Kat]

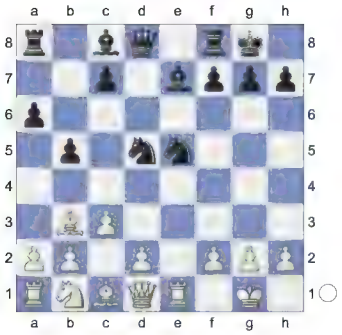
Blitz 10min+2sec

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

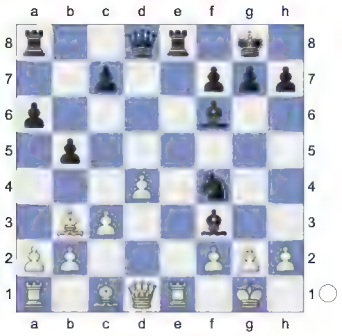
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

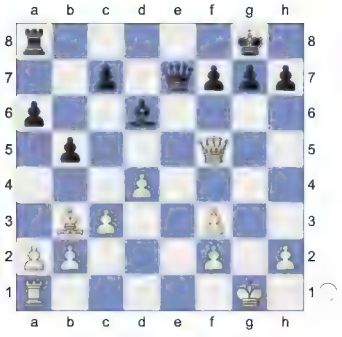
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



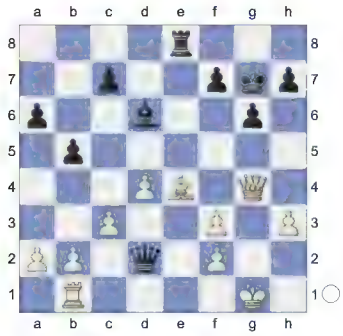
11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Nd2 Nf4 White is slightly better. **15.Nf3 Bxf3**



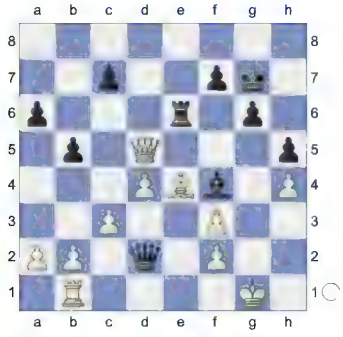
16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.gxf3 Bg5 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Qc2 Qe7 20.Qf5 Bd6



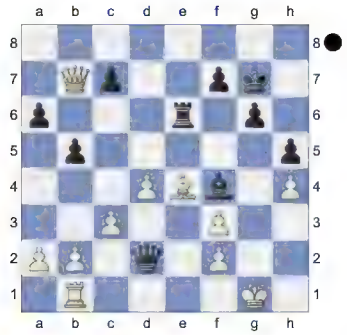
21.h3N -0.12/21
[21.Qe4± 0.37/21 deserves consideration. Qg5+ 22.Kf1]
[21.f4 Re8 22.Bd5 g6 23.Qg4 Kh8 24.a4 bxa4 25.Rxa4 Qe1+ 26.Kg2 Re2 27.Qf3 Rxb2 28.Ba2 Rc2 29.Rxa6 Rc1 30.Ra8+ Kg7 31.Qe3 Qh1+ 0-1 (31) Stern,R-Joecks,C Bundesliga II 1998 The Total Marshall [Gambit Revue 4.98 p21]]
21...Re8= Black has compensation.
22.Bd5 -1.00/21
[22.Qe4= -0.03/21 remains equal.]
22...g6∓ 23.Qg4 Qe2 24.Rb1 Kg7! 25.Be4 Qd2



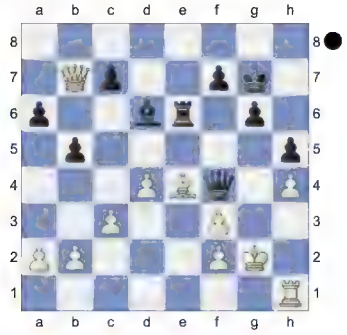
Prevents Qg5. **26.h4 h5!** &Nero is more active. **27.Qg5 Bf4 28.Qd5 Bd6** -0.01/17
[28...Re6∓ -1.17/25]
29.Qg5!=
[29.Qc6? Re7 30.f4 *(30.Qxa6? Qf4-+)* 30...Qxf4-+]
29...Bf4 0.01/21
[29...Qxg5+∓ -0.52/23 30.hxg5 Bf4]
30.Qd5 Re6∓ -1.17/25



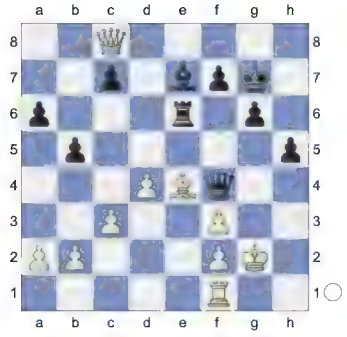
31.Qb7 -1.99/22
[31.a3∓ -1.11/21]



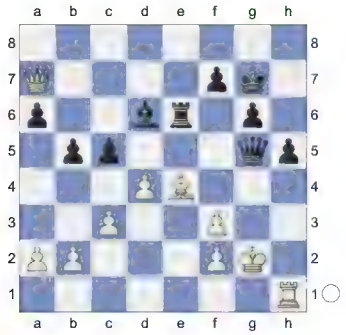
31...Bd6!-+ White must now prevent ... Qf4. **32.Kg2 Qf4 33.Rh1**



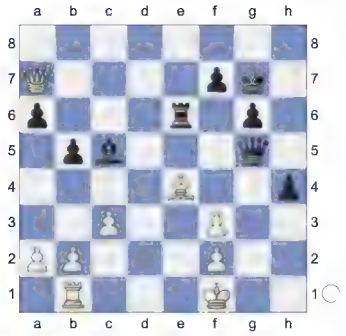
Against Qh2+ **33...Be7!** **34.Qc8** -2.42/20
[34.Qa7 -1.99/21 keeps fighting.]
34...Bxh4 35.Rf1 Be7



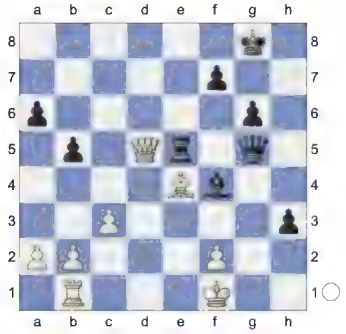
36.Rh1 Qg5+ 37.Kf1 c5
[But not 37...Qd2? 38.Qxc7 Bd6 39.Qa7-+]
38.Qc7 Bd6 39.Qa7 Qc1+ 40.Kg2 Qg5+ 0.01/5
[Stronger than And not Stronger than 40...Qxb2 41.dxc5 Be7 42.c6∓]
[Black should play 40...Qf4-+ -2.70/22 41.Kf1 Be7]



41.Kf1= Qc1+? 0.01/18
[Black should try 41...Qd2-+ -2.68/22 42.Kg2 Be7]
42.Kg2 Qd2
[And not 42...Qxb2 43.dxc5 Be7 44.c6∓]
43.Rb1? -7.16/23
[43.b3 -2.08/21]
43...Qg5+-+ 44.Kf1 h4 Threatens to win with ...Rxe4! **45.dxc5 Bxc5**

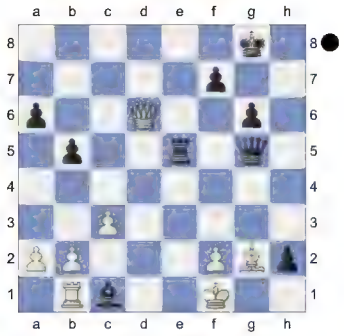


46.Qc7 Bd6 47.Qa7 h3 48.Qd4+ Kg8 49.f4 Bxf4 50.Qd5 Re5

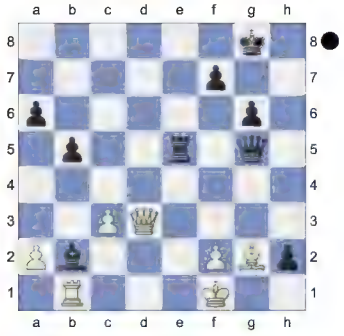


51.Qc6 h2 (→ ...Qg1+) **52.Bg2 Bc1**

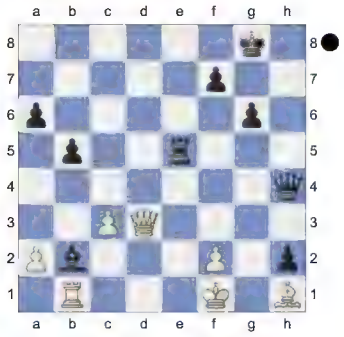
53.Qd6



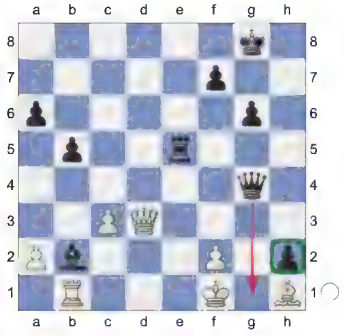
Bxb2! 54.Qd3
[54.Qxe5 Qxe5]



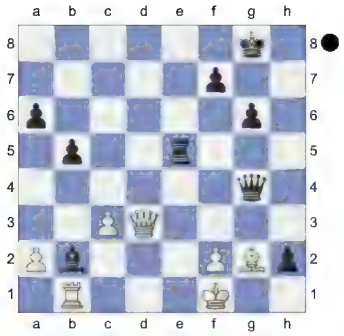
54...Qh4! 55.Bh1



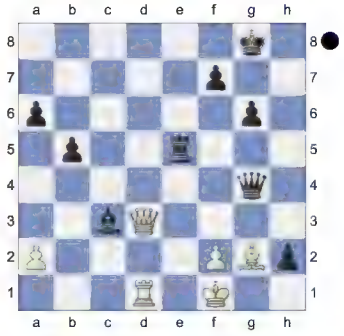
Qg4!



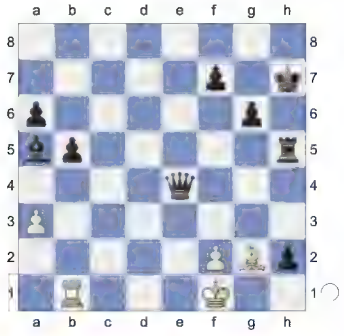
56.Bg2



Bxc3! ...Qh4! is the strong threat.
57.Rd1
[57.a3 Rh5]

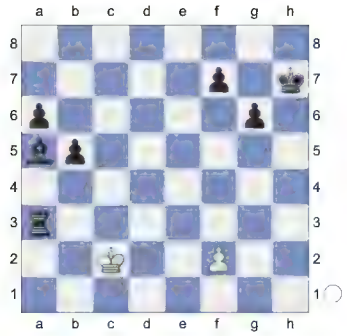


57...Kh7! 58.a3
[58.Rb1 Rh5]
58...Ba5 59.Rb1 Rh5 60.Qe4 Qxe4

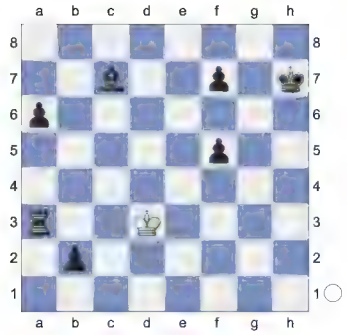


61.Bxe4 h1Q+ 62.Bxh1 Rxh1+ 63.Ke2 Rxb1 64.Kd3 Rb3+ 65.Kc2 Rxa3

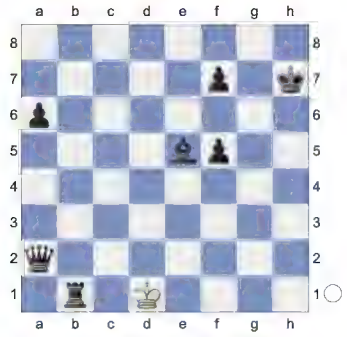
(Diagram)



66.f4 Bc7 67.f5 gxf5 68.Kd2 b4 69.Ke2 b3 70.Kd3 b2+



71.Kc2 Be5 Black mates. **72.Kb1 Rb3 73.Kc2 b1Q+ 74.Kd2 Qa2+ 75.Kd1 Rb1#**



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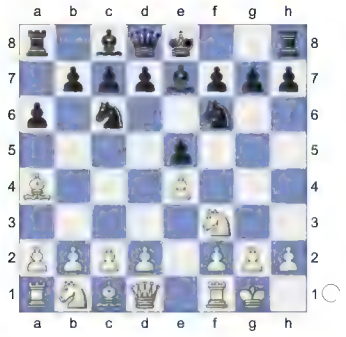
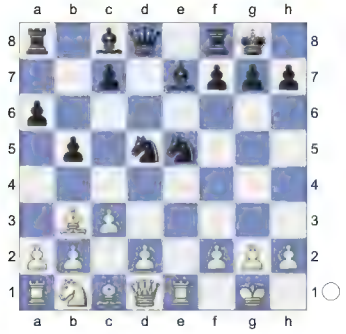
53 **C89**
□ **Marianofreyrex** **2646**
■ **Vihajaisestatulesta** **2559**
Rapid 12.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



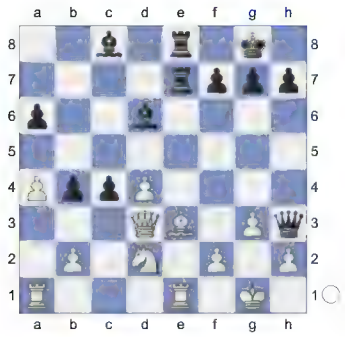
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



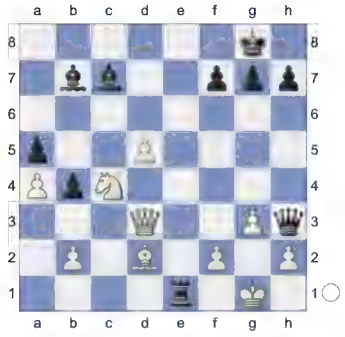
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 -0.27/20
[15.Re4⩲ 0.35/22]
15...Ra7 0.31/20
[15...Nxe3= -0.27/20 16.Rxe3 a5]

(Diagram)

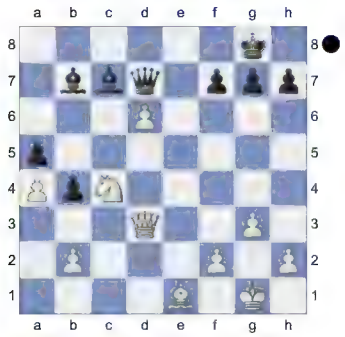
16.Qd3N -0.01/22
[16.a4± 0.31/20 was preferrable.]
[16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qf3 Re7 18.Nd2 Rfe8 19.a4 *(19.b4 h5 20.a4 bxa4 21.Rxa4 Rc7 22.Ra3 Bb7* 0-1 (22) Quigley,D-Harding,T email 1998 The Total Marshall [Harding]*)* 19...Kh8 *(19...b4 20.c4 dxc4 21.Nxc4 Bb7 22.d5 Bc7 23.Bd2 a5 24.Rxe7 Rxe7 25.Re1 Rxe1+ 26.Bxe1 Qd7 27.b3 Qxd5 28.Qxd5 Bxd5 29.Nd2 Be5 30.Kf1 Bc3 31.Nc4 Bxc4+ 32.bxc4 Bd4 33.Ke2 Kf8 34.Kd3* Hernandez Molina,D-Lopez Gomez,J corr Cuba 1996 ½-½ (51) *)* 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qg2 Qf5 22.Qf3 Qh3 23.Ra5 b4 24.Rxd5 bxc3 25.bxc3 Bb7 26.Qh5 Qd7 27.c4 Bxd5 28.Qxd5 f5 29.c5 Bxg3 30.Qxd7 Bxh2+ Sanchez,A-Castellanos Salinas,J corr Cuba 1996 ½-½ (34)]
[16.Qf3 Re8 17.Nd2 Rae7 18.Nf1 Nf4 19.Qh1 Qg4 20.Bxf4 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Rxe1 22.Bxd6 Qe2 23.Qg2 Bf5 24.f4 Qe3+ 25.Qf2 Bh3 0-1 (25) Astengo,C (2119)-Tiviakov,S (2668) Saint Vincent ITA 2006 [Chris Ward]]
16...Re7 17.Nd2 Rfe8 The position is equal. **18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.a4** -0.37/23
[19.Qe2= -0.06/22]
19...b4 0.01/20
[19...bxa4∓ -0.37/23 should be considered. 20.Rxa4 h5]
20.c4= dxc4 0.14/21
[Don't do 20...Bf5 21.Qf1±]
[20...f5!∓ -0.36/23 21.Qf1 *(21.cxd5? f4-+)* 21...Qh5]



21.Nxc4 Bc7 22.d5 And now d6 would win. **22...Bb7! 23.Bd2** Strongly threating Rxe7. **23...a5 24.Rxe7 Rxe7 25.Re1 Rxe1+**

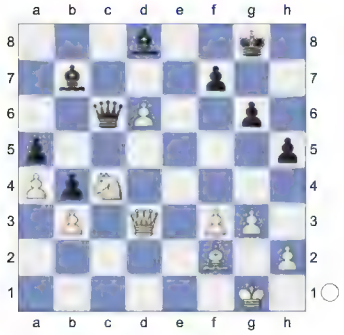


26.Bxe1 Hoping for Nxa5! **26...Qd7 27.d6→**

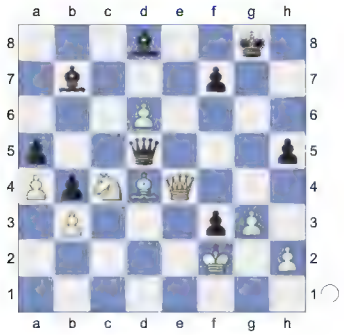


White mounts an attack. **27...Qc6! 28.f3!** Active counter play! **28...Bd8** This bishop pair is nice. **29.Bf2 h5** 0.80/25

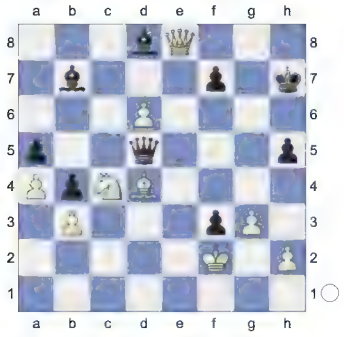
[29...Qxa4= 0.01/25 30.Ne5 Qe8]
30.b3 0.41/22
[30.Kg2± 0.80/25]
30...g6



31.Kg2 g5 32.Bd4 0.18/27
[32.Ba7!± 0.64/22 feels stronger.]
32...g4 33.Kf2 Qe4! is the strong threat.
33...Qd5 Inhibits Qe4. Threatens to win with …Bf6! **34.Qe4** White wants to mate with Qe8+. **34...gxf3?** #14/23
[34...Kf8± 0.77/25]



35.Qe8+ Kh7



36.Qh8+ Kg6 37.Qg7+

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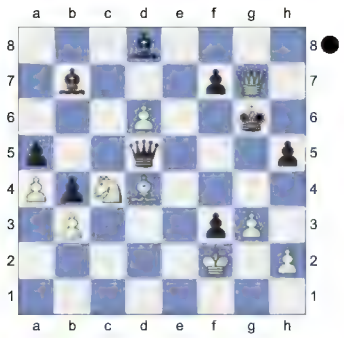

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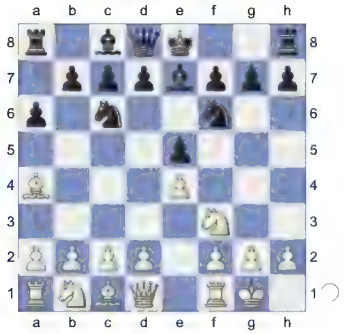
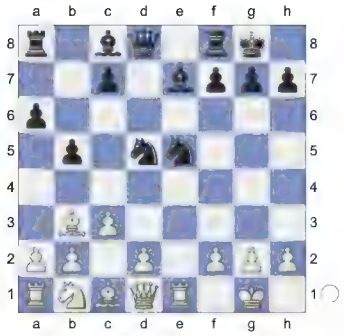
54 **C89**
□ **Phalanx Xxv** **2511**
■ **Arasanx** **3030**
Rapid 12.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+5sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Inf 55/(344) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



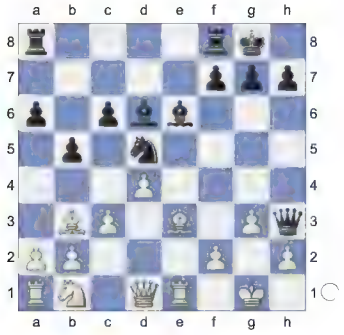
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Be6

[15...Bg4!? 16.Qd3 *(16.f3? Bxg3 17.Qd2 Bxf3-+)* 16...f5=]



16.Qd3N

[16.Nd2

A) 16...Bg4 17.Qb1 *(17.f3 Bxg3 18.hxg3 Qxg3+* ½-½ (18) Chiburdanidze,M (2520)-Grivas,E (2460) Karditsa 1995 CBM 122 [Grivas,Efstratios]*)* 17...f5 18.f4 g5 19.Qc2 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Bxf4 21.gxf4 Kh8 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Nf1 Rg8 24.Ng3 Bf3 25.Qf2 Rxg3+ 26.Qxg3 Rg8 27.Re8 Qxg3+ 28.hxg3 Rxe8 29.Kf2 Bg4 30.Re1 Re4 31.Re3 Nolte,R (2324)-Yurtaev,L (2543) Kalkata 2001 CBM 085 [Atlas,Valeri] 0-1 (31);

B) 16...Rae8 17.Qf3 f5 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.gxf4 Qh6 20.Nf1 Nxf4 21.Bxe6+ Frolov,A (2495)-Poluljahov,A (2425) Budapest 1992 CI1-130 [Poluljahov,Aleksandr]]

16...a5 17.Nd2 a4! The position is equal. **18.Bc2 f5 19.f4 g5 20.Bf2 Rae8**

21.fxg5 f4 22.Rac1 -1.62/22

[22.Re4∓ -0.74/23]

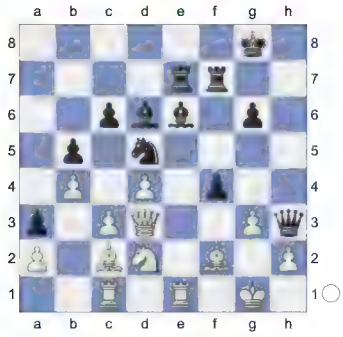
22...a3-+ Chess con chili. **23.b3 Re7→** Black is out for blood. **24.g6?** -4.70/25 White does not recover from this.

[24.Re4∓ -0.75/20 nothing else works.]

24...hxg6

[Inferior is 24...Bf5 25.Qf1 Rxe1 26.Bxe1=]

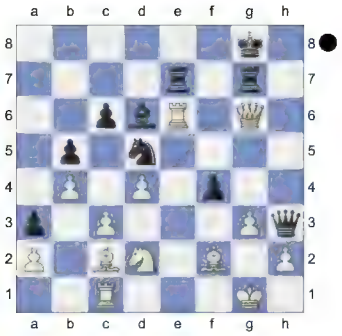
25.b4 Rff7



Strongly threatening ...Ne3! **26.Bb1?** -10.43/26

[26.Qxg6+ Rg7 27.Rxe6

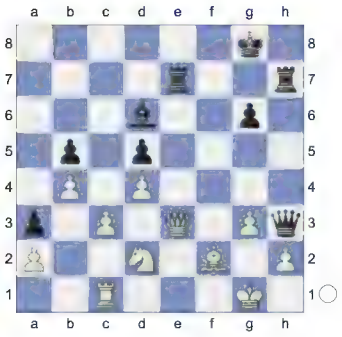
(Diagram)



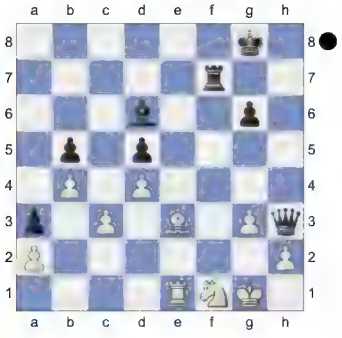
fxg3! 28.hxg3 Bxg3 29.Bxg3 Rxe6-+]

[26.Re4 -3.21/21]

26...Ne3 27.Rxe3 fxe3 28.Qxe3 Bd5 29.Be4 Against Qg2+ **29...Rh7 30.Bxd5+ cxd5**



31.Nf1 Rxe3 32.Bxe3 Rf7 33.Re1



Rxf1+! 34.Rxf1

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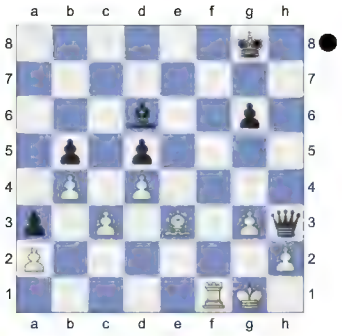
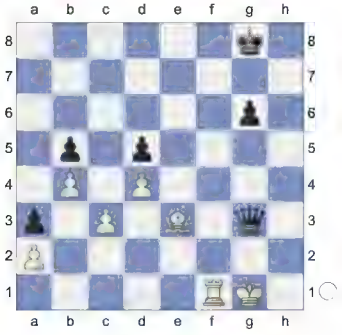
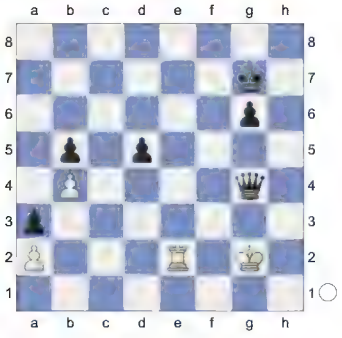


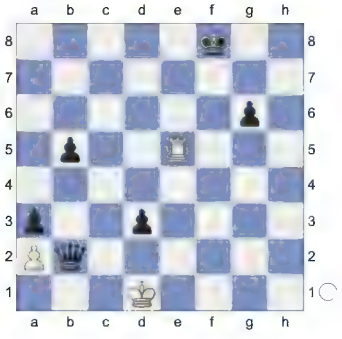
Bxg3! 35.hxg3 Qxg3+



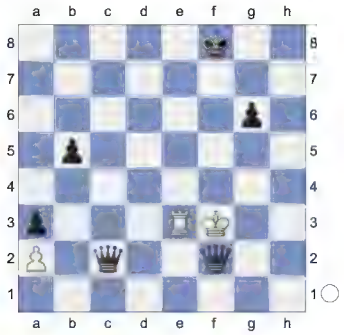
36.Kh1 Qxe3 Endgame KQ-KR **37.Kg2 Qxc3** White must now prevent ...Qb2+. **38.Rf6 Kg7 39.Rf2 Qxd4** (→ ...Qe4+) **40.Re2 Qg4+**



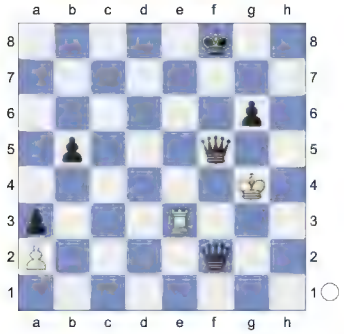
41.Kf1 d4 42.Ke1 d3 43.Re7+ Kf8 44.Re5 Qxb4+ 45.Kd1 Qb2



46.Re3 Qc2+ 47.Ke1 d2+
Black mates. **48.Kf2 d1Q+ 49.Kg3 Qg1+ 50.Kf3 Qgf2+**



51.Kg4 Qcf5#



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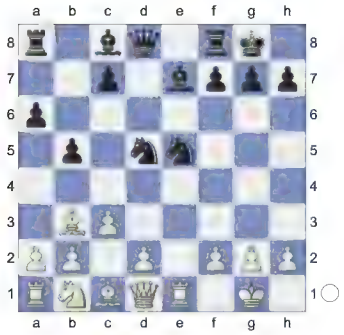
55 **C89**
☐ **Kaveh68** **2425**
■ **Marci Chess** **2562**
Rapid 11.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

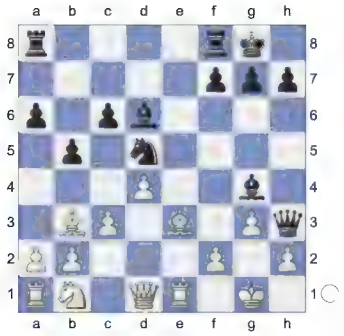
Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

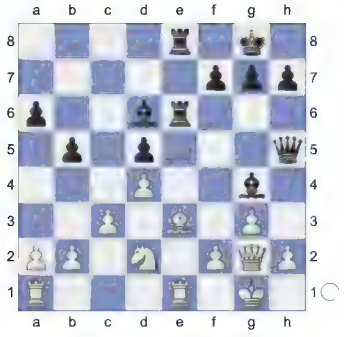
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4

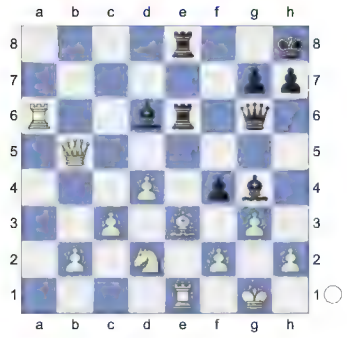


16.Qd3 Rae8 17.Nd2 Re6 18.Qf1
[18.a4!?]
18...Qh5 19.Qg2 Rfe8 20.Bxd5 cxd5



Black is slightly better. **21.a4 f5N** 0.74/24 &Nero is more active.
[21...b4∓ -0.69/22 22.Rac1 *(22.c4 dxc4 23.d5 Rg6 24.Bf4 Rf8 25.Bxd6 Rxd6 26.Nxc4 Bf3 27.Qf1 Rxd5 C 89/27)* 22...bxc3 23.bxc3 Bh3 24.Qf3 Bg4 25.Qg2 Bh3 26.Qf3 Bg4 27.Qh1 Be2 28.Rb1 Bc7 29.Rb7 Ba5 30.Rd7 Bxc3 31.Rxd5 Qg6 32.Rxe2 Bxd2 33.Qf3 Qb1+ 34.Kg2 Bb4 35.Rd7 f5 36.d5 Rg6 Ye,J-Norris,A Mexico City 1980 MCD [ChessBase II] 1-0 (40)]
[21...bxa4 22.Rxa4 Bf4 23.Ra5 g5 24.gxf4 gxf4 25.Rxd5 f5 26.Re5 Rxe5 27.dxe5 fxe3 28.Rxe3 f4 29.Re1 Kh8 30.Qc6 Matsukevich,A-Semenov corr 1983]
[21...Bf4 22.gxf4 Rg6 23.Kh1 Be2 24.axb5 Rxg2 25.Kxg2 Bxb5 26.Nf1 Re6 27.Ng3 Qh4 28.f5 Rb6 29.b3 g6 30.Ra5 gxf5 31.Bf4 Rg6 32.c4 Bd7 0-1 (34) 15.Bb3 Re8 16.h3 Nf6- Drouot,F Bochum 1972 CT-1892 [John Watson]]
22.Qxd5± Kh8 2.50/22
[22...f4± 1.11/20 23.Qxh5 Bxh5]
23.axb5+- axb5 24.Ra6? -0.97/23
[24.Qxb5+- 2.16/19 aiming for Ra6. Rb8 25.Qd5]

24...Qg6? 1.29/22
[24...Bxg3!∓ -0.97/23 25.hxg3 *(25.Rxe6?* is the wrong capture. *Bxh2+ 26.Kg2 Rxe6-+)* 25...Rxa6]
25.Qxb5? -0.80/22
[25.Kh1± 1.29/22 stays on course.]
25...f4!∓



And now ...Bh3 would win. **26.Nc4 fxe3 27.Rxd6??** -#5/12
[27.Nxe3∓ -1.31/19 Bf3 28.Rb6]
27...exf2+ Discovered Attack **28.Kxf2 Re2+** Skewer **29.Rxe2 Rxe2+**

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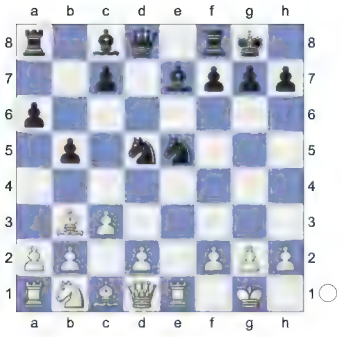
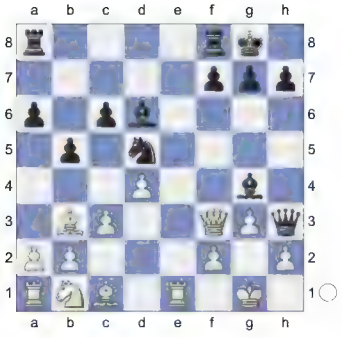
56 **C89**
□ **Foo0K** **2576**
■ **Lhy Sbz** **2665**
Blitz 11.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7
(Diagram)

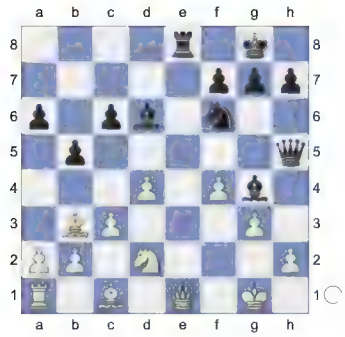
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qf3 Bg4



16.Qg2 Qh5! 17.f4N -2.38/24
[17.Be3= 0.15/19 and White is okay. Bh3 *(17...Rae8 18.Nd2 Re6 19.Bd1 Bxd1 20.Raxd1 Rfe8 21.Qf3 Qxf3 22.Nxf3 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Rxe3 24.Rxe3 Rxe3 25.Kf2 Re6 26.d5 Bc5+ 27.Kf1 Rd6 28.b4 Bb6 29.Re1 g6 30.dxc6 Rxc6 31.Rc1 f6 32.Ke2* Hunt,C (1896)-Schiffers,E (2166) Moscow 2023 17 c5, Nf6 and g6: model [John Watson] ½-½ (35) *; 17...a5 18.Nd2 a4 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Bf4 Bh3 21.Qf3 Qxf3 22.Nxf3 Bxf4 23.gxf4 a3 24.b3 Ra6 25.Ne5 Rc8 26.Re3 Bf5* #5 Marshall 15. Qe2. Qd3,Q-15. Qf3*)* 18.Bd1 Qxd1 19.Rxd1 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 f5 21.c4 bxc4 22.Nd2 c3 23.bxc3 f4 24.gxf4 Bxf4 25.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 26.Kf1 Nd5 27.Rdc1 Rae8 28.Nc4 Naiditsch,A (2697)-Onischuk,A (2699) Montreal 106/(101) 2009 Cl1-130 [RR]]
17...Rae8 18.Qf2 Nf6 -1.04/22
[Black should try 18...c5!-+ -2.03/23 Threatens to win with ...Rxe1+. 19.h4 *(19.Rxe8? Rxe8 20.Bxd5 Re2-+)* 19...Rxe1+ 20.Qxe1 Nf6]
19.Nd2? -5.76/21
[19.Be3∓ -1.04/22 is tougher.]
19...Rxe1+-+ 20.Qxe1 Re8



Inhibits Ne4. **21.Qf1 Be2 22.Qg2 Ng4?** -1.37/21
[22...Bd3-+ -4.04/24 23.Nf3 Re2]
23.h3∓ Ne3? 0.95/20
[23...Nf6∓ -1.32/23 stays on course. White must now prevent ...Bd3. 24.Nf1 Bf3]
24.Qh2? -5.58/24
[24.Qxc6± 0.95/20 Rd8 25.Qe4]
24...Bd1-+ 25.g4 Qh4

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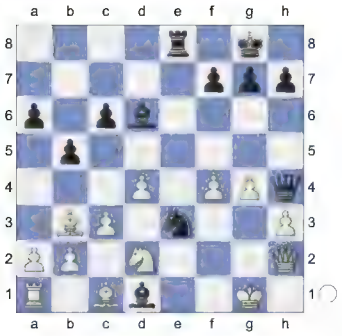
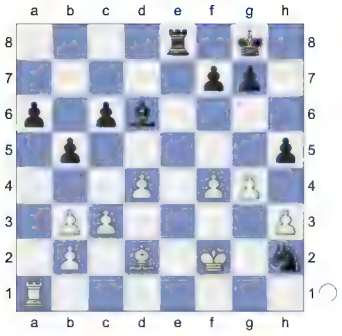
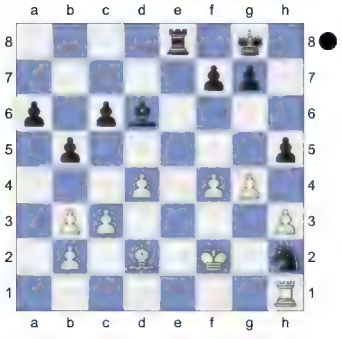


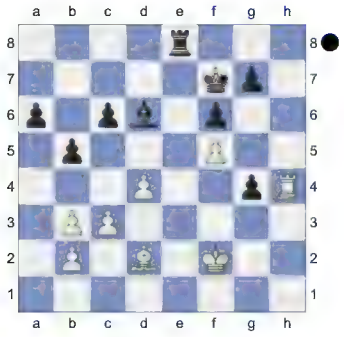
(→ ...Qe1+) **26.Nf1 Nxf1 27.Qf2 Qxf2+?** -3.38/5
[27...Ng3 -8.92/25 28.Bxd1 Qxh3]
28.Kxf2 Bxb3 0.40/20
[28...Be2-+ -4.07/22 29.a4 b4]
29.axb3± Nh2 30.Bd2 -0.88/23
[30.Rxa6= 0.18/21 h5 31.g5]
30...h5∓



31.Rh1



Nxg4+ 32.hxg4 hxg4-+
Endgame Strongly threatening ...f5. KRB-KRB **33.Rh5** -2.28/22
[33.Ra1∓ -1.00/22]
33...f6 34.f5? -6.66/22
[34.Rh1 -2.11/22]
34...Kf7? -2.34/23
[34...g3+ -6.66/22 35.Kf1 g2+ 36.Kg1 Re2]
35.Rh4



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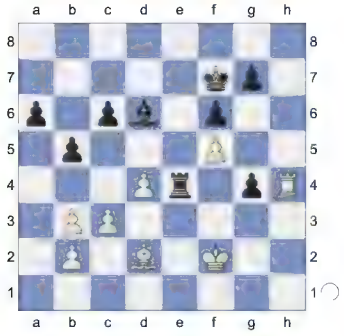
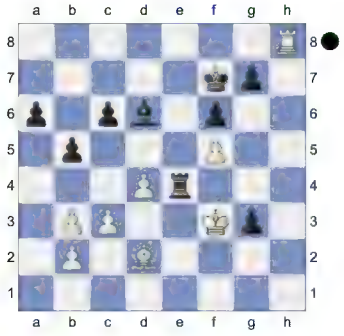


36.Rh8? -4.76/24
[36.Kf1 -2.61/23 might work better.]
36...g3+ 37.Kf3



Rg4 9.33/21 **38.Kxg4+- g2 39.Be3**

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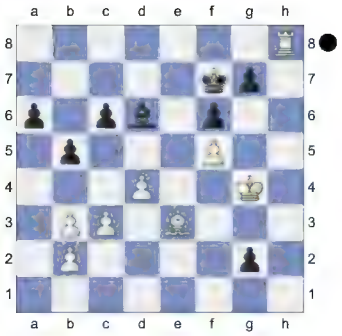

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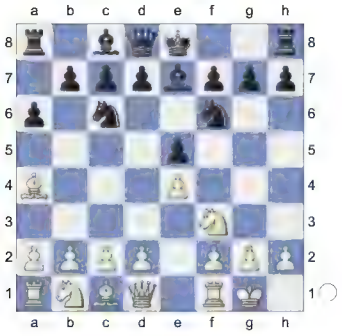
57 **C89**
□ **Bot64Jaques** **2562**
■ **Arasanx** **3023**
Rapid 10.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+3sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Inf 55/(344) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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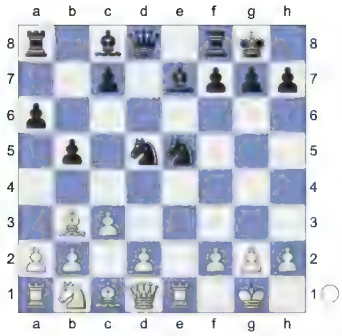
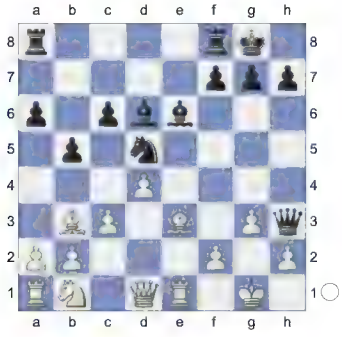
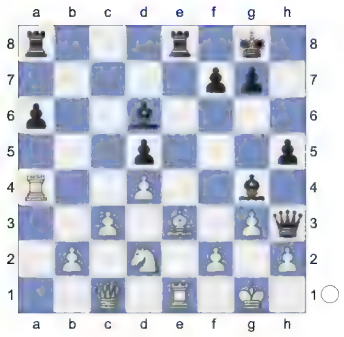


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Be6
[15...Bg4!? 16.Qd3 *(16.f3? Bxg3 17.Qd2 Bxf3-+)* 16...f5=]

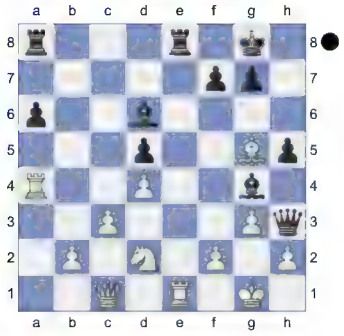


16.Nd2 Bg4
[16...Rae8 17.Qf3 f5 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.gxf4 Qh6 20.Nf1 Nxf4 21.Bxe6+ Frolov,A (2510)-Yurtaev,L (2540) Helsinki 1992 CI1-130 [Frolov,Artur]]
17.Qc1N
[17.Qb1 f5 18.f4 g5 19.Qc2 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Bxf4 21.gxf4 Kh8 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Nf1 Rg8 24.Ng3 Bf3 25.Qf2 Rxg3+ 26.Qxg3 Rg8 27.Re8 Qxg3+ 28.hxg3 Rxe8 29.Kf2 Bg4 30.Re1 Re4 31.Re3 Kg7 Panchenko, F (2324)-Kalashikov 5.Nxc6 - 6.Bc4 #7 (2543) Reykjavik 2001 CBM 127 [Messa,R] 0-1 (31)]
[17.f3 Bxg3 18.hxg3 Qxg3+ ½-½ (18) Chiburdanidze,M (2520)-Grivas,E (2460) Karditsa 1995 CBM 122 [Grivas,Efstratios]]
17...Rfe8 And now ...Bxg3! would win.

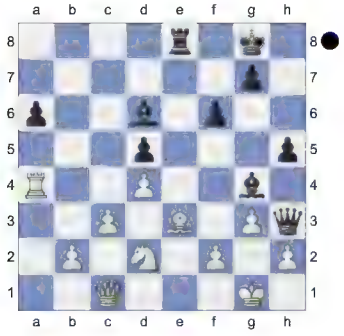
The position is equal. **18.Bxd5 cxd5→**
Black has some attack. **19.a4** -0.84/21
[19.Qc2!= -0.01/20 remains equal.]
19...bxa4∓ &Nero is much more active.
20.Rxa4 -1.42/22
[20.Qb1∓ -0.61/19]
20...h5!



Hoping for ...h4. **21.Bg5**

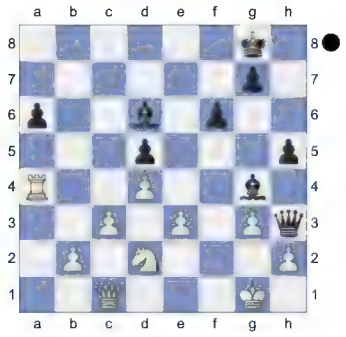


Prevents h4. **21...f6!** **22.Rxe8+?** -3.67/22
[22.Bh4∓ -1.30/19]
22...Rxe8-+ 23.Be3 -6.70/23
[⌓23.Rxa6 -4.38/23 fxg5 24.Qf1
(24.Rxd6? Re2-+)]



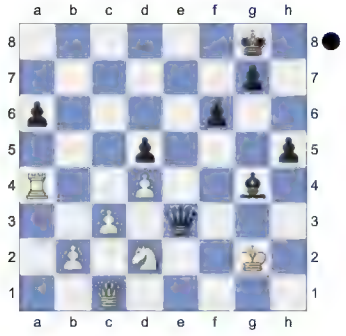
23...Rxe3! 24.fxe3

[24.Qf1 Re2]



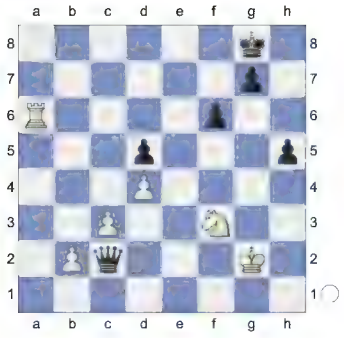
24...Bxg3! Demolition **25.hxg3 Qxg3+**

26.Kh1 Qh3+ -4.15/5
[⌓26...Qh4+ -11.14/26 27.Kg1 Bh3]
27.Kg1 Threatens to win with Qf1.
27...Qxe3+ 28.Kg2

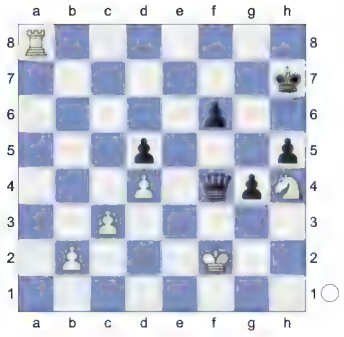


Bf3+! 29.Nxf3 Qxc1 30.Rxa6
Endgame KQ-KRN **30...Qc2+**

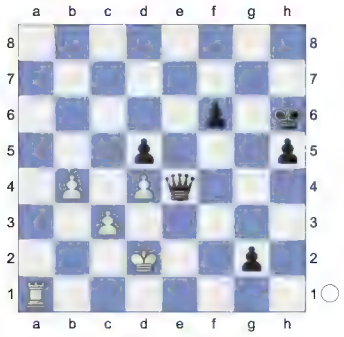
(Diagram)



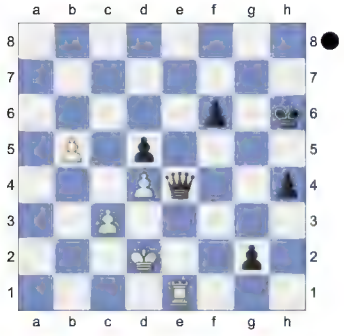
31.Kh1 Qe4 32.Ra8+ Kh7 33.Kg2 g5 (→ ...g4) **34.Kf2 g4 35.Nh4 Qf4+**



36.Ke2 g3 37.Ra7+ Kh6 38.Ra1 Qxh4 KQ-KR **39.b4 Qe4+** Black mates. **40.Kd2 g2**

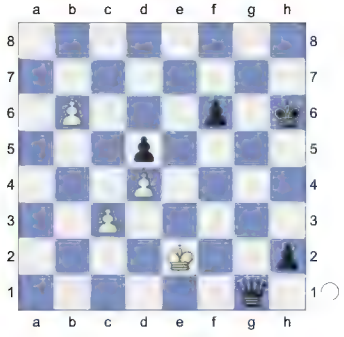


41.b5 h4 42.Re1

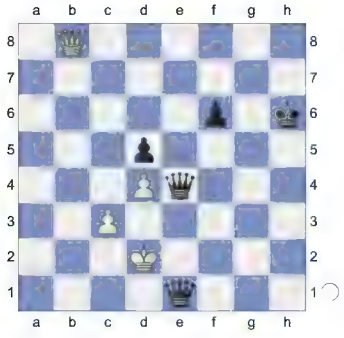


Qxe1+!! 43.Kxe1 g1Q+ 44.Ke2 h3

45.b6 h2



46.b7 h1Q 47.b8Q Qe4+ 48.Kd2 Qge1#

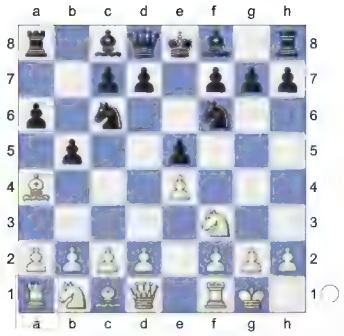


Black took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=1.35/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

58 **C89**
□ **Mishalemark** **2602**
■ **Lederman** **2417**
Blitz 09.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5

(Diagram)



6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.d3 Bb7

11.Nxe5

[11.a4 b4 12.a5 Kh8 13.d4 bxc3 14.bxc3 exd4 15.cxd4 Ncb4 16.Bc4 c5 17.Bb2 cxd4 18.Qxd4 Bf6 19.Qd2 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Nf4 21.Qxb4 Bxf3 22.g3 Qd4 23.Ra2 Nd3 24.Rd2 Nxb4 25.Rxd4 Nc2 Vaishali,R (2475)-Lagno,K (2542) Toronto, Canada 2024 [Harry Grieve] 0-1]

11...Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Qd6

[12...Qd7 13.Qf3 Rad8 14.Nd2 c5 15.Ne4 c4 16.dxc4 Nf6 17.Be3 Nxe4 18.Rxe4 Qd3 19.Rd4 Bxf3 20.Rxd3 Rxd3 21.gxf3 Bf6 22.Kg2 Rd7 23.cxb5 axb5 24.f4 ½-½ (24) Spassky,B (2620)-Polgar Zsuzsa (2485) Cannes (France) 1987]

13.Re1 Rae8N

[13...c5 14.Nd2 Rae8 15.Ne4 Qc6 16.a4 Nb6 17.axb5 axb5 18.Qf3 c4 19.dxc4 bxc4 20.Bc2 f5 21.Ng3 Qc7 22.Bf4 Qc8 23.Qh5 Qc6 24.Qh3 g6 25.Ne2 Bf6 26.Qg3 Rd8 27.Bxf5 Bh4 28.Be6+ Reiners,M (2592)-Neat,P (2369) Las Palmas 2015 Capablanca: Move by Move [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (35) Qxe6 29.Qxh4 Rde8 30.f3 Qd5 31.Nd4 Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1 Na4 33.Bh6 Qd8 34.Re7 Rf7 35.Rxf7 1-0 (35) Solodovnichenko,Y (2592)-Milliet,S (2369) Montpellier 2015 CBM 166 Extra [ChessBase II]]

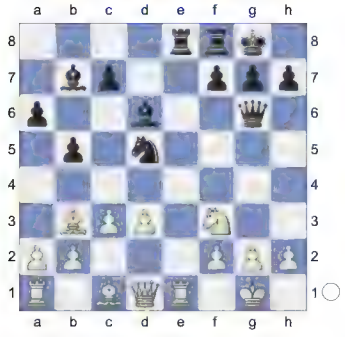
14.Nd2! Qg6 0.90/19

[Black should play 14...Nf6± 0.31/18]

15.Nf3 -0.11/20

[15.Qf3± 0.90/19 c6 16.Ne4]

15...Bd6=



Hoping for ...Nxc3! **16.Rxe8 Rxe8 17.d4?** -5.95/21

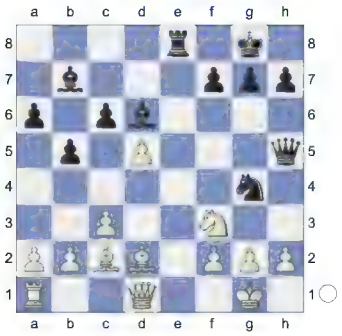
[17.Bxd5= -0.16/17 and White is okay. Bxd5 18.Be3]

17...Nf6? 0.01/22

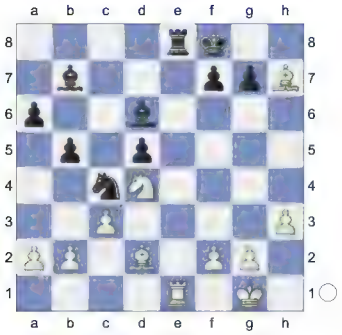
[17...Nxc3!-+ -5.95/21 18.bxc3 Bxf3 19.Bxf7+ Qxf7 20.gxf3 Qh5]

18.Bd2! Ng4 19.d5! c6 0.74/20

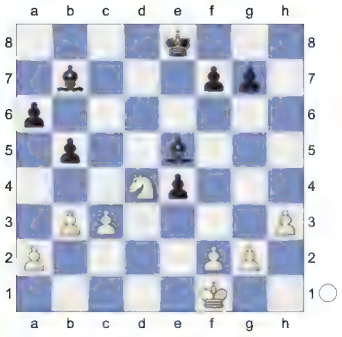
[19...Qf5= 0.01/21 remains equal.]
20.Bc2± Qh5



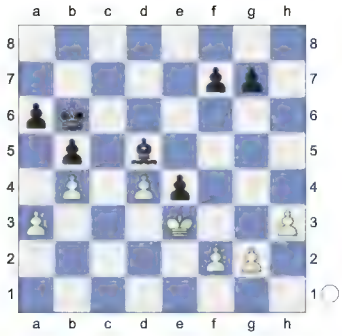
21.h3 Ne5 22.Nd4 0.49/19
[22.dxc6± 0.81/23 Nxf3+ 23.Qxf3 Qxf3 24.gxf3 Bxc6 25.Kg2]
22...Qxd1+± 23.Rxd1 And now Re1 would win. **23...cxd5 24.Re1** Black must now prevent f4. **24...Kf8 25.Bxh7** Threatens to win with Nf5.
25...Nc4



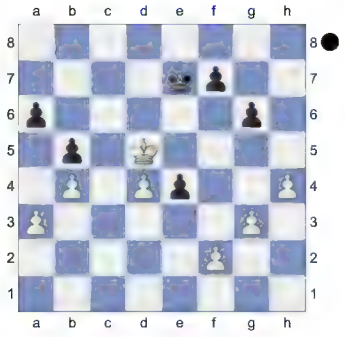
26.Rxe8+ Kxe8 27.b3? -5.05/19 **Nxd2-+ 28.Bd3 Ne4 29.Bxe4 dxe4 30.Kf1 Be5**



31.a3 Bxd4 32.cxd4 Endgame KB-KP **32...Bd5 33.b4 Kd7 34.Ke2 Kc6 35.Ke3 Kb6**



36.h4 g6 37.g3 Kc6 38.Kf4 Kd7 39.Ke5 Ke7?? 9.30/23 **40.Kxd5**



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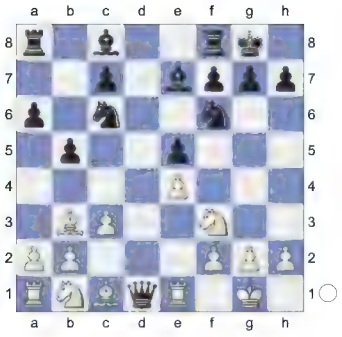
59 **C89**
□ **Georgiev,Kiril** **2553**
■ **Michalik,Peter** **2564**
32. TCh-CRO Div 1b 2024 (4.1) 08.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

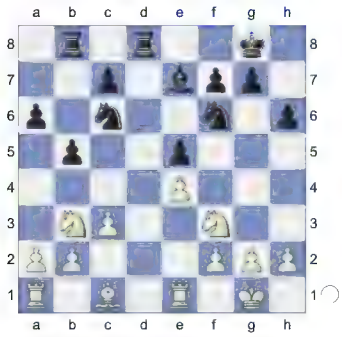
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Qxd1

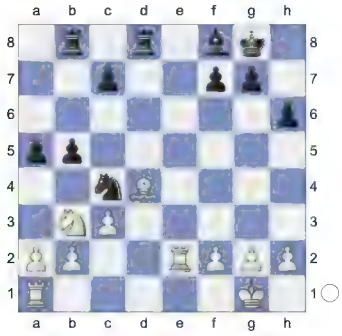


11.Bxd1 h6 The modern move. Der moderne Zug. **12.Nbd2 Rd8**
[12...Be6 13.a4 Nd7 14.Be2 b4 15.Bc4 Nc5 16.Bd5 bxc3 17.bxc3 Bxd5 18.exd5 Na5 19.Nxe5 Bf6 20.Ndf3 Rfd8 21.Ba3 Rxd5 22.c4 Nxc4 23.Nxc4 Bxa1 24.Rxa1 Nxa4 25.Bb4 Rb8 26.Be1 Nc5 27.h3 Kamsky,G (2609)-Gustafsson,J (2604) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (58)]
13.Bc2 -0.40/19
[13.a4= -0.07/19 is more appropriate. Be6 14.b4]
13...Be6∓ Black is slightly better.
14.Bb3N
[14.Nf1 a5 15.Ne3 a4 Chapter-Games Game - 1]
14...Bxb3 15.Nxb3 Rab8N
[15...a5 16.Nbd2 -0.84/20 *(16.a4∓ -0.49/21 Rab8 17.axb5 Rxb5 18.Nbd2)* 16...a4∓ 17.Nf1 Rd3 18.Ng3 Bc5 19.h3 Against Ng4 Nd7 20.Kf1 Nb6 21.Ke2 Rd7 -0.64/17 0-1 Craciun,A (2077)-Costachi,M (2463) ROM-chT Mamaia 2019 (6.2) *(21...Rad8∓ -0.99/20 22.Nf5 Nc4)*]

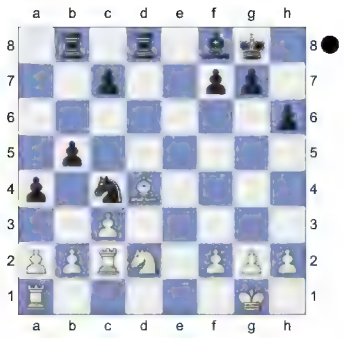


16.Be3 Nxe4 ...f5 is the strong threat.
17.Nxe5! Nxe5 18.Bd4 Nc4
Threatens to win with ...f5.
[18...Rxd4? 19.cxd4 Nd3 20.Rxe4+-]
19.Rxe4

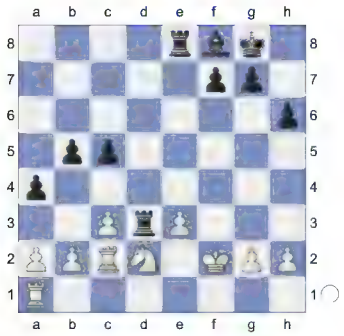
Bf8 20.Re2 a5



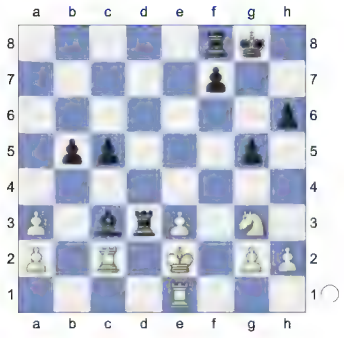
21.Rc2 -0.99/22
[21.Bc5∓ -0.64/21]
21...a4∓ 22.Nd2
(Diagram)



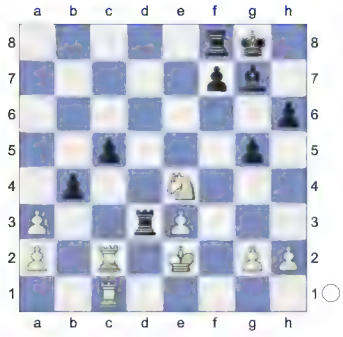
c5! 23.Be3 Nxe3 24.fxe3 Rd3 25.Kf2 Re8 -0.89/22
[⌓25...c4 -1.21/20 26.Nf3 Re8]



26.Re1 -1.48/20
[⌓26.c4 -0.89/22]
26...g5 -0.93/21
[⌓26...c4 -1.48/20 27.Nf3 a3]
27.Nf1 Bg7 28.Ke2 Rf8? 6.68/20
29.Ng3? -0.67/18
[White must play 29.Kxd3+- 6.68/20 Rd8+ 30.Ke4]
29...a3? 5.83/22 **30.bxa3?** -0.01/22
[30.Kxd3+- 5.83/22 axb2 31.Nf5]
30...Bxc3? 3.64/22



31.Rec1+-
[Not 31.Kxd3 Bxe1 32.Nf5 *(32.Rxc5 Bxg3 33.hxg3 Ra8=)* 32...c4+ 33.Ke2 Ba5±]
31...b4? 7.56/20
[31...c4 3.67/22 32.Rxc3 Ra8 33.Rxd3 cxd3+ 34.Kxd3 Rxa3+ 35.Ke2 Rxa2+ 36.Kf3 b4]
32.Ne4? 0.01/24
[32.Kxd3+- 7.56/20 Ra8 33.axb4 cxb4 34.Nf5]
32...Bg7? 8.06/21



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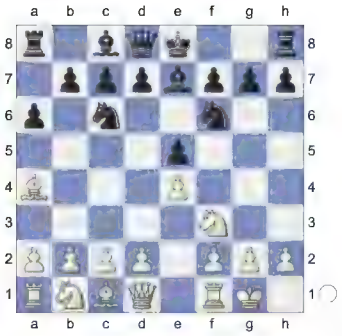
½-½

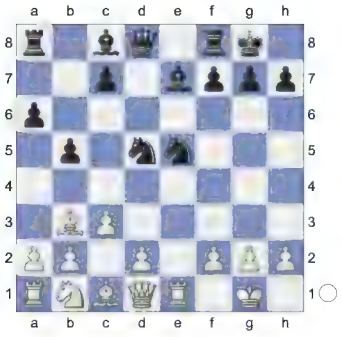
60 **C89**
□ **Weiawaga** **2605**
■ **Inanisbot** **2430**
Blitz 08.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Ubilava,E: 'Inf 75/(317)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

(Diagram)



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.h3 -0.29/21

[⌓13.d3 0.27/18 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Qf5 16.Nd2 Qg6 17.Re1 f5 18.a4 Rb8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Nf3 f4 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 fxg3 23.fxg3 Bg4 24.Qe1 Bh3 25.Be3 Rf1+ 26.Qxf1 Bxf1 27.Rxf1 Rf8 28.Rxf8+ Anand,V (2781)-Adams,M (2716) Dos Hermanas 1999 CI1-130 [Ubilava, Elizbar] ½-½]

13...Bc7N

[13...Qf6 14.d4 Nf4 15.Bxf4 Qxf4 16.g3 Qh6 17.h4 Bd7 18.Qf3 Rae8 19.Na3 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Bxa3 21.bxa3 Qd6 22.a4 b4 23.c4 c5 24.d5 f5 25.Qf4 Qxf4 26.gxf4 Kf7 27.Bc2 Kf6 28.Kg2 Belina,J (1546)-Tamayo,J (1805) Florianopolis 2023 ½-½ (34) Re8 29.Rxe8 Bxe8 30.a5 h5 31.Bd1 g6 32.Bf3 Ke7 33.Kf1 Kd6 34.Ke2 ½-½ (34) Caveman3,A (1546)-Zachary,J (1805) corr ICCF 2023 Kramnik: MBM [John Watson]]

[13...Qh4 14.Bxd5 cxd5 15.Qf3 Be6 16.d4 Rae8 17.Nd2 Bg4 0-1 (17) Caveman3,A (1546)-Guliev,S (2013) Khanty Mansiysk 2023 Inf 73 [John Watson]]

14.d4 Black has an edge. **14...Qd6! 15.Re5 f6!**

16.Rxd5 cxd5 17.Bf4 Prevents Qh2+. **17...Qxf4 18.Bxd5+ Kh8 19.g3 Qh6** -0.01/19

[19...Qg5!∓ -0.46/24 20.Bxa8 Bxg3! 21.fxg3 Qxg3+ 22.Bg2 *(22.Kh1? Qxh3+ 23.Kg1 Bg4-+)* 22...Bxh3]

20.Bxa8 f5 0.44/22

[20...Bxh3= 0.01/22 feels stronger. 21.Bf3 g5]

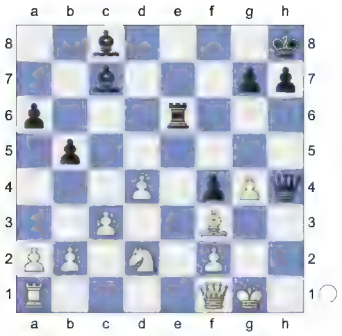
21.Bf3± f4 -0.01/20

[21...Qxh3± 0.32/22 22.Nd2 Bd7]

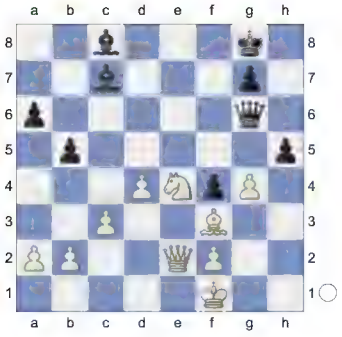
22.g4= Qxh3 Hoping for ...h5! **23.Nd2 Rf6** 1.65/20

[23...Qh4± 0.68/19]

24.Qe2+- Intending Qe8+ and mate. **24...Re6** Inhibits Qe8+. **25.Qf1 Qh4**



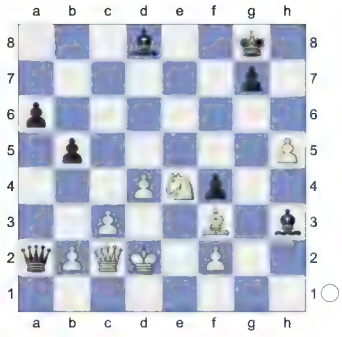
26.Re1 Qg5 27.Re4 1.20/21
[27.Rxe6+- 1.62/22 Bxe6 28.Qe2]
27...Kg8 28.Qe2 Qg6 1.64/20
[28...Qf6± 0.89/20 29.Rxe6 Bxe6]
29.Kf1 Rxe4 30.Nxe4 0.75/21
[30.Qxe4+- 1.74/22 has better winning chances. Strongly threatening Qe7. Qxe4 31.Nxe4]
30...h5±



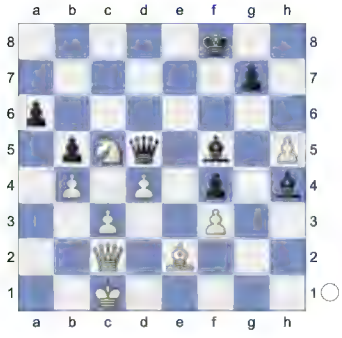
31.gxh5 0.92/21
[⌓31.g5! 1.33/21]
31...Bh3+ 32.Ke1 Black is now going downhill. **32...Qg1+ 33.Kd2 Qb1 34.Qd1** 0.89/23 **Qxa2** 1.26/22
[⌓34...Qxb2+ 0.89/23 35.Qc2 Qxc2+ 36.Kxc2 Bf5]
35.Qc2↑ White has strong initiative.
35...Bd8
[35...Bf5?

(Diagram)

36.Nf6+! Kf7 37.Qxf5+-]

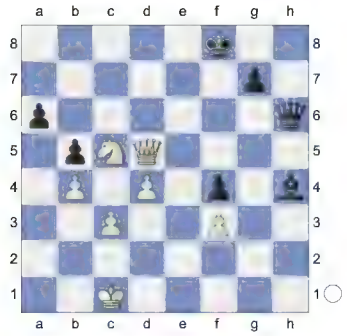


Prevents Ng5. **36.b4 Qc4 37.Nc5 Bh4 38.Be2 Qd5** White must now prevent ... f3. **39.f3 Kf8 40.Kc1 Bf5** 2.32/21
[40...Be7± 1.48/18 41.Nxa6 Bf5]

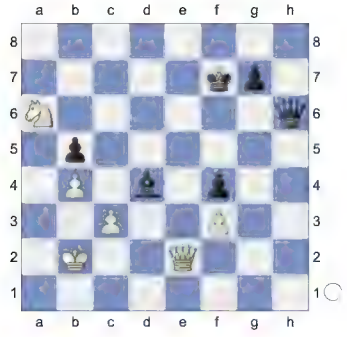


Against Qg6 **41.Bd3 Bxd3 42.Qxd3 Qxh5 43.Qe4 Qh6** 2.28/22
[43...Bf6 1.73/21 was necessary. 44.Qe6 *(44.Qxf4 Qh6±)* 44...Qf7 45.Qxa6 Qc4]
44.Qa8++- Kf7 45.Qd5+ Kf8

(Diagram)

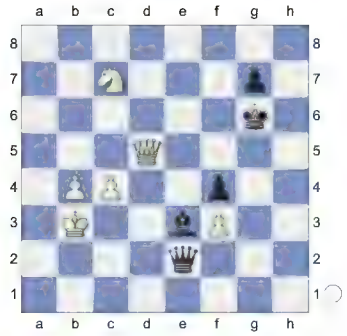


46.Kb2 Bf6 47.Qd6+ Kf7 Don't take **48.Qe6+ Kg6 49.Qe2** Prevents Qh2.
[49.Qe4+ Kg5 50.Nxa6 Qh2+ 51.Kb3 Qd2+-]
49...Kf7 50.Nxa6 Bxd4

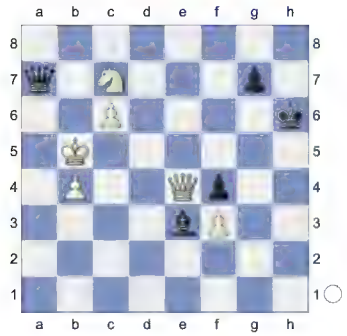


51.Qxb5
[Worse is 51.cxd4 Qxa6 52.Qe4 *(52.Qe5 Qf6=)* 52...Qd6=]
51...Qh2+ 52.Kb3 Be3 53.Qd5+ Kf6 54.c4 Qe2 55.Nc7 1.66/18
[⌓55.Nb8 3.78/21]
55...Kg6? 5.24/22
[55...Ba7 1.66/18 is more resistant. 56.Qd6+ Kg5 57.Ne6+ Kf5 58.Nxg7+ Kg5 59.Ne6+ Kf5 60.Ng7+ Kg5 61.Ne6+ Kf5 62.Qd5+ Kf6 63.Nxf4 Qe3+ 64.Nd3 Bd4]

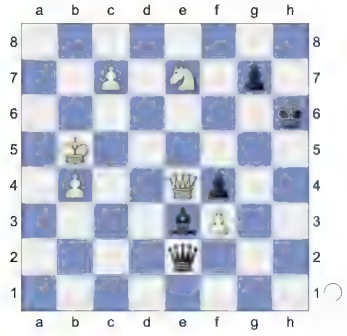
(Diagram)



56.c5 c6 is the strong threat. **56...Qf1 57.c6 Qb1+ 58.Ka4 Qa1+ 59.Kb5 Kh6 60.Qe4** Threatens to win with Nd5. **60...Qa7**

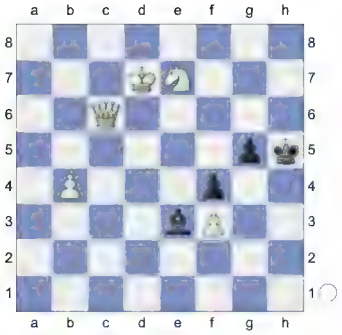


61.Nd5 Qf7 62.Ne7 White mates. **62...Qh5+ 63.Ka6 Qf7 64.c7 Qa2+ 65.Kb5 Qe2+**

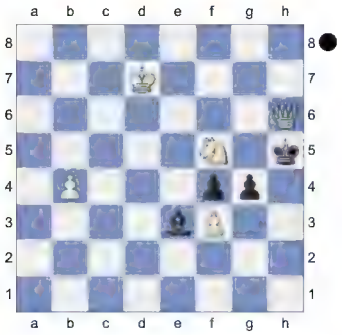


66.Kc6 Qa6+ 67.Kd7 g5 68.c8Q Qb5+ 69.Qcc6+ Qxc6+ 70.Qxc6+ Kh5

(Diagram)



71.Nf5 g4 72.Qh6#



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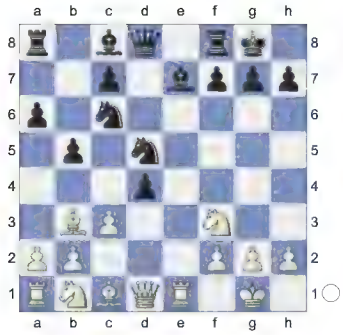
61 **C89**
□ **AAS-2024** **2552**
■ **kahvitauko** **2456**
Blitz 08.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C89: Partie espagnole (gambit Marshall)
Nisipeanu,L.-D; Stoica,V: 'Inf 91/310'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.d4 exd4



11.cxd4 Bf6N
[11...Bb4 12.Bd2 Bb7 *(12...Bg4 13.Nc3 Nf6 14.Be3 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qd7 16.d5 Ne7 17.Bg5 Qh3 18.Bxf6 Bd6 19.f4 Bxf4 20.f3 Qxh2+ 21.Kf1 Nf5 22.Ne4 gxf6 23.Qd3 Kh8 24.Qc3 Rg8 25.Qxf6+ Rg7* 0-1 (25) Sittenfeld,S-Soldatenkov, V Paris 1901 MAS C89 PB [Blatny,P]*)* 13.Nc3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Na5 15.Bc2 Nc4 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bc1 Bc8 18.Bg5 Bb7 19.Bd2 Na5 20.Bg5 Nc4 21.Qd3 g6 22.Bh6 Rf7 23.Nh4 Qd7 24.Qg3 Kh8 25.Bxg6 hxg6 26.Nxg6+ Nisipeanu,L-Beliavsky,A Pune 2004 [LesEchecs.com] ½-½ (32) Kh7 27.Bf8 Nde3 28.Qh4+ Kxg6 29.Qh6+ Kf5 30.Qh3+ Kg6 ½-½ (26) Nisipeanu,L (2686)-Beliavsky,A (2679) Pune 2004 CI1-130 [Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin]]
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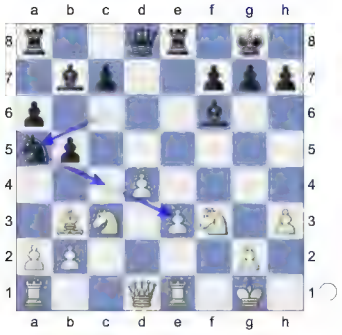
[11...Nb6 12.Nc3 Bg4 13.d5 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Na5 15.Bc2 b4 16.Qd3 f5 17.Ne2 Bc5 Anti Marshall-Sidelines [Jan Gustafsson]]

12.h3 Bb7 13.Be3 -1.05/20

[13.Nc3= 0.01/19 Nxc3 14.bxc3]

13...Re8 &Nero is more active. **14.Nc3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Na5**



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16...c5 -1.33/20

[Black should try 16...Nc4-+ -1.77/22 17.Qd3 g6]

17.dxc5 -1.84/20

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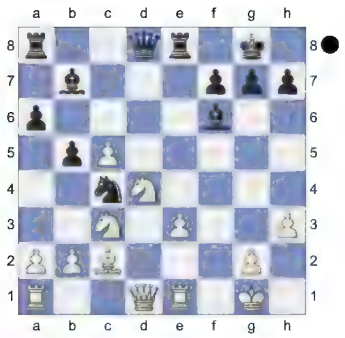
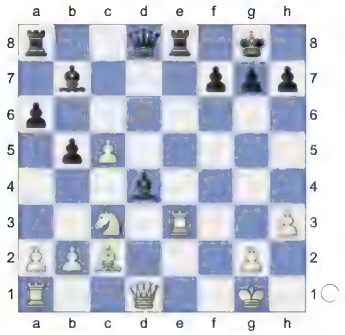
17...Nc4-+ 18.Nd4? -7.42/21

[18.e4 -1.66/20]

(Diagram)



18...Nxe3 19.Rxe3 Bxd4



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62 **C89**

□ **Azeerf** **2724**

■ **Bulgarianbulldozer** **2659**

Blitz 08.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

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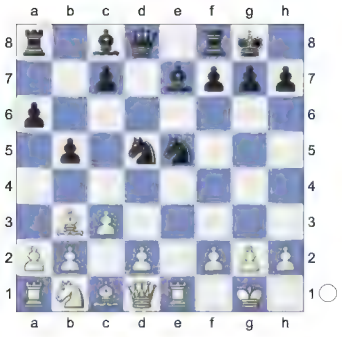
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



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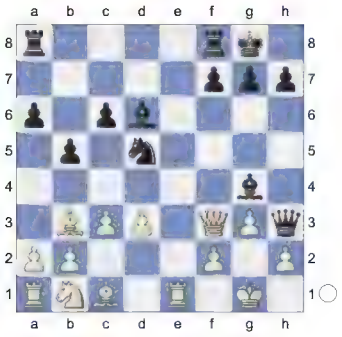
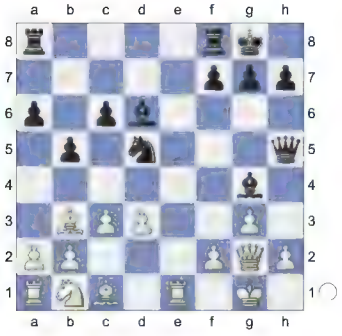
15...Bg4



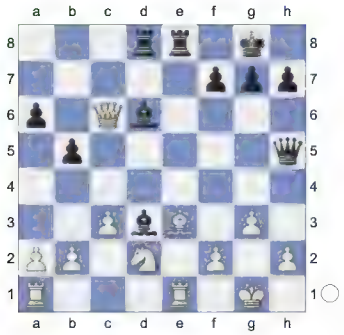
16.Qg2 Qh5



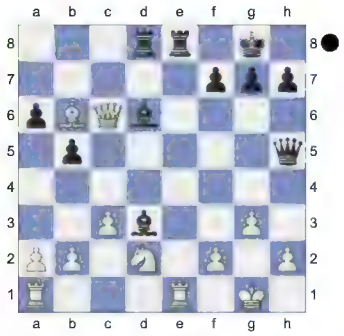
Strongly threatening ...Rae8. **17.Bxd5** -0.42/21
[17.Be3= -0.01/21 might be stronger.]
[17.Nd2 Rae8 18.Rf1 Bh3 19.Qf3 Qg6 20.Ne4 Bxf1 21.Kxf1 Bc7 22.Bd2 Kh8 23.h4 h6 24.h5 Qe6 25.Kg2 Bb6 26.Re1 Qd7 27.d4 f5 28.Nc5 Bxc5 29.dxc5 Rxe1 30.Bxe1 f4 31.Bc2 Qe7 Talibov,S (2348)-Smirnov,P (2538) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (38)]
17...cxd5∓ 18.Be3 -1.37/20
[18.Qf1∓ -0.51/20]
18...Bf5N 0.39/18 This bishop pair is nice.
[18...Bf3∓ -1.37/20 19.Qf1 f5]
[18...Rae8 19.Nd2 Re6 20.Nb3 Bf3 21.Qf1 Be5 22.Nd2 Bg4 23.f3 Bh3 24.Qf2 Rfe8 25.a3 Qg6 26.Rad1 Bxg3 27.hxg3 Rxe3 28.Nf1 R3e6 29.Rxe6 Qxe6 30.Rd2 Qe1 31.Qxe1 Rxe1 32.Rf2 Rb1 33.c4 Nikishin,S-Jaumandreu Llopis,A (2240) ICCF Marshall thematic 1998 0-1 (37) bxc4 34.dxc4 dxc4 35.g4 f6 36.f4 Kf7 37.g5 Rxf1+ 0-1 (37) Peglau,L-Kanno,C (2240) USSR 14/131 1998 ZUS C73 [John Watson]]
19.Qxd5± Rad8 Hoping for ...Bxg3!
20.Qc6 Bxd3 1.20/21
[20...Rfe8± 0.55/19]

21.Nd2 0.45/19
[21.Bb6± 1.20/21 Qf5 22.Bxd8]

21...Rfe8 3.17/20
[Better is 21...Be2± 0.45/19]



22.Bb6
[Not 22.Qxa6 Qd5±]



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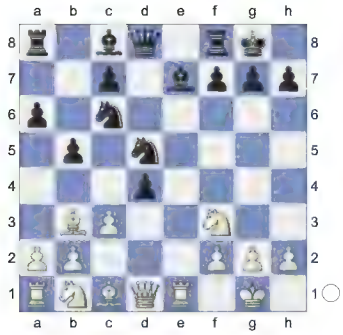

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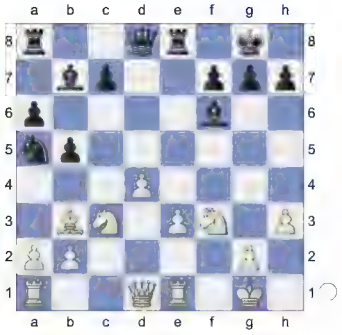

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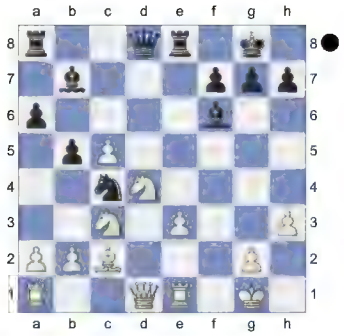

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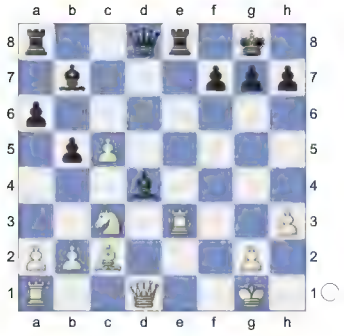

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64 **C89**

□ **Sankalp,Gupta** **2534**

■ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2676**

Bundesliga 2425 (2.8) 06.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

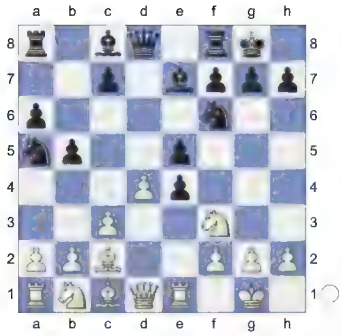
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

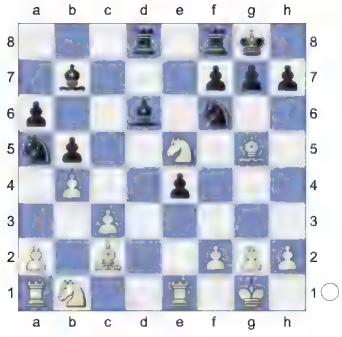
(Diagram)

6.Re1
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 Bxa2 12.Nxa2 *(12.Rxa2 Nc6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Bg5 16.a4 Ne7 17.Nxg5 hxg5 18.c4 c6 19.Ne3 Qd7 20.d4 exd4 21.Qxd4 Qe6 22.axb5 axb5 23.Rxa8 Rxa8 24.cxb5 cxb5 25.Qd3 Qe5 26.Ng4 Qe6* Lauterbach,I (2455)-Pantos,N (2562) Wijk 2023 Chess Today CT-827 [John Watson] ½-½ *)* 12...Nc6 13.c4 Nd4 14.Nc3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 c6 16.Bd2 Qc8 17.Rfb1 Qe6 18.Qe2 d5 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Bg5 dxe4 Mudrov (2768)-Moreno,M (2727) Chennai 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Kozlov] 1-0 (41)]
6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N
[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]
8.c3 Na5 9.Bc2
[9.Nxe5 looks sharper. Nxb3 10.Qxb3 Bb7 11.d3]
9...d5 10.d4 dxe4

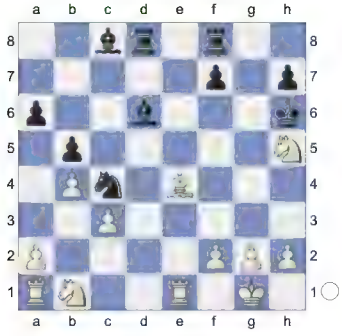
(Diagram)



11.Nxe5 White is slightly better. **11...c5 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.dxc5 Bxc5** 0.59/20
[Better is 13...Qc7!= 0.01/19 14.Ng4 Rad8]
14.Qxd8± Raxd8 15.b4 Bd6



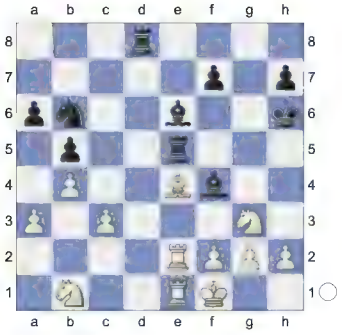
16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Ng4 Nc4 18.Bxe4 Bc8 19.Nxf6+ Kg7 20.Nh5+
[Worse is 20.Nxh7 Rfe8 21.Ng5 f5-+]
20...Kh6



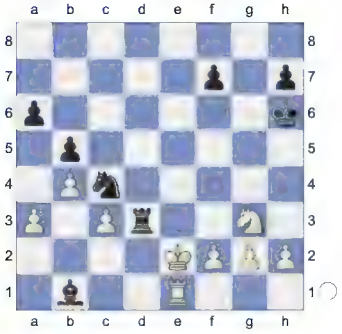
21.Ng3
[Of course not 21.Nf6 Be5 22.Nd5 *(22.Nxh7 Rfe8∓)* 22...Rfe8=]
21...Rfe8

(Diagram)

...f5! is the strong threat. **22.Kf1 Bf4 23.a3 Re5** Threatens to win with ... Bxg3. **24.Ra2** 0.12/22
[24.Bc2± 0.50/21]
24...Be6!= 25.Rae2 Prevents Ne3+. **25...Nb6!**

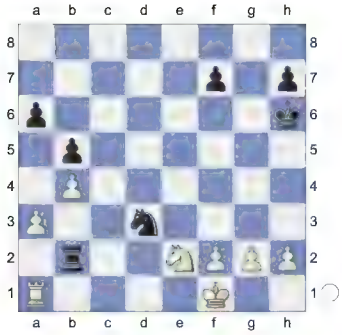


Hoping for ...Bc4. **26.Bd3 Rxd3 27.Rxe5 Bxe5 28.Rxe5** White wants to play Ke1. **28...Ba2! 29.Re1 Nc4** aiming for ...Bxb1. **30.Ke2 Bxb1**

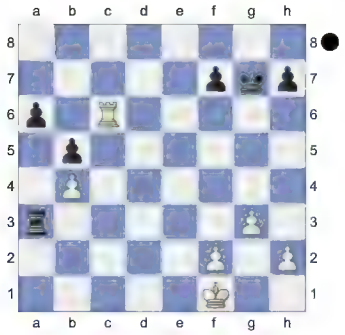


31.Rxb1 Rxc3 Endgame KRN-KRN **32.Ra1 Rc2+ 33.Ke1 Nb2** The position is equal. **34.Kf1 Nd3! 35.Ne2** Black should prevent Rd1. **35...Rb2**

(Diagram)



36.g3 Kg7 37.Rd1 Rb3 38.Nc1 Nxc1 39.Rxc1 Rxa3 40.Rc6



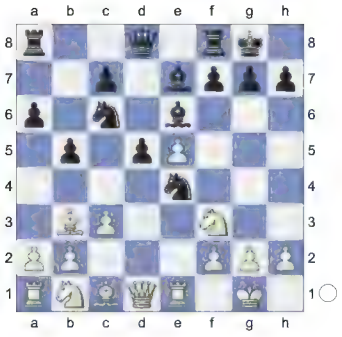
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

65 **C89**
□ **CVRaman** **2616**
■ **danylo03** **2642**
Rapid 06.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C83: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 Be7 Ernest Kocem (Poland) later changed his name to Ernst Kotzem when he took German citizenship. We have filed all his other games under Kotzem but left the ones of the EU Team Ch as a cross-reference, because he represented Poland in that event. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

(Diagram)

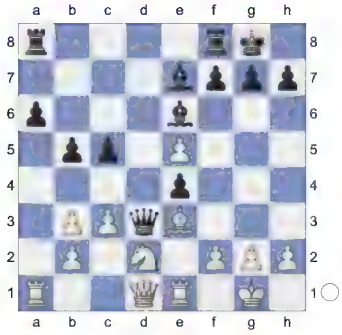
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 Nxe4 10.dxe5 Be6



11.Be3N

[11.Nd4 Nxe5 *(11...Qe8 12.Bc2 Rd8 13.a4 Qd7 14.axb5 axb5 15.f3 Nc5 16.b4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Na4 18.Bxa4 Ra8 19.Nc3 bxa4 20.Ba3 Qc6 21.Qd3 Qb7 22.b5 Bxa3 23.Rxa3 Rfb8 24.Rb1 g6 25.Rb4 c6 26.Nxa4* Wiech,G (2571)-Wohl,R (2686) Russian Women's Ch., Kazan 2001 Telechess CBM 89 [Sinka] 1-0 (58) *)* 12.f3 Bd6 13.fxe4 Bg4 14.Qc2 *(14.Qd2 Qh4 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Kxf2 Nd3+ 17.Kf1 Nxe1 18.Kxe1 dxe4 19.h3 Bg3+ 20.Kf1 Be6 21.Nd2 Bxb3 22.axb3 f5 23.b4 Be5 24.N2b3 f4 25.Bd2 h6 26.Be1 g5 27.Nc5 Bxd4 28.cxd4 e3* Wiech,G (2528)-4...Bf5 (2377) France 2007 URS-ch [FS 12/1979 p311] 1-0 (40) *)* 14...c5 15.Nxb5 axb5 16.Bxd5 Qh4 17.Rf1 Ra6 18.Na3 Nf3+ 19.gxf3 Bh3 20.Rf2 Bxh2+ 21.Kh1 Rg6 22.Bg5 Qh5 23.Bh4 Bf4 24.Rg1 Rh6 0-1 (24) Djuric,L-Kotzem, E corr ICCF 1973 UltraCorr3a [Kocem]]

11...Na5 12.Nbd2 Nxb3 13.axb3 The position is equal. **13...c5** Prevents Nd4. **14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Nd2 Qd3**



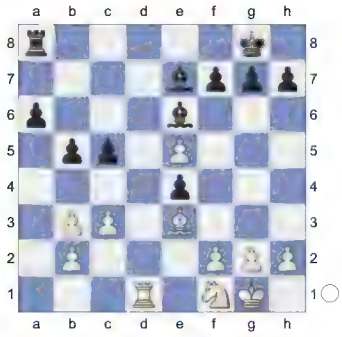
16.Qb1

[16.Bf4!?]

16...Bf5 17.Rd1 -0.39/19

[17.Qxd3= -0.01/19 feels stronger. exd3 18.Ra5]

17...Rfd8 18.Nf1 Qxd1 19.Qxd1 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Be6



21.Nd2 Rd8 0.88/22

[21...Bd5= -0.01/22]

22.Ra1± Rd5 23.Rxa6 Hoping for Ra8+. **23...h6 24.Kf1** 0.48/22

[24.c4± 1.25/23 bxc4 25.bxc4 Rxe5 26.Ra5]

24...Rxe5± 25.c4 bxc4

(Diagram)

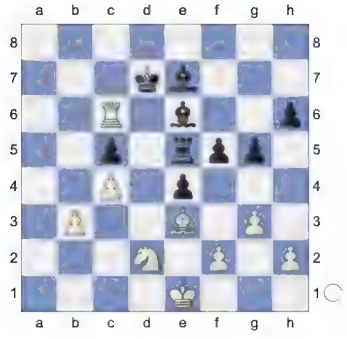
26.bxc4 g5 27.Rc6 f5 ...f4 is the strong threat. **28.g3** Prevents f4. And now b4! would win.

[28.b4 is more complex. f4 29.Bxc5 e3 30.fxe3 fxe3 31.Nf3]

28...Kf7 0.84/23

[28...Bf8= 0.30/21 keeps the balance.]

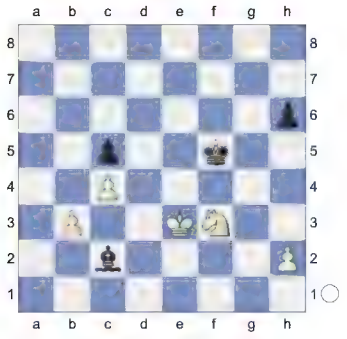
29.Ke1!± Ke8 30.b3 Kd7



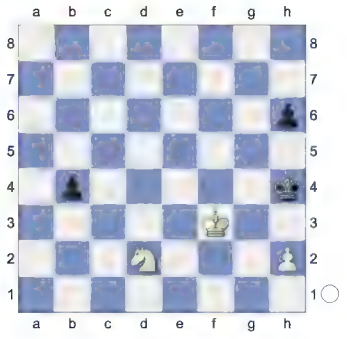
31.Ra6 Bd6 32.Bf4 0.00/25 **gxf4 33.gxf4 e3 34.Rxd6+ Kxd6 35.fxe5+ Kxe5**

36.fxe3∓ Endgame KB-KN **36...f4 37.Kf2 Bf5 38.Kf3 fxe3 39.Kxe3 Bc2 40.Nf3+ Kf5?** 4.97/31

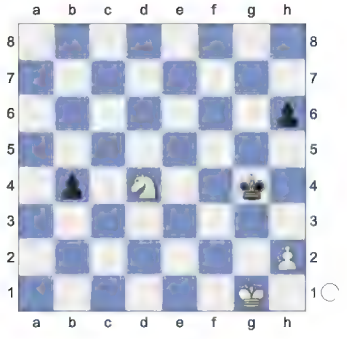
[40...Kd6= 0.00/28]



White leaves nothing to chance now. **41.b4!+- Bb3 42.Nd2 Bxc4 43.Nxc4** Intending b5 and mate. **43...cxb4** KN-KPP **44.Kf3** Black must now prevent Na5. **44...Kg5 45.Nd2 Kh4**

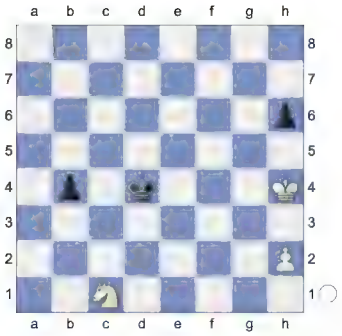


46.Kg2 Kg4 47.Nb3 Kf4 48.Kf2 Kg4 49.Nd4 Kh3 50.Kg1 Kg4

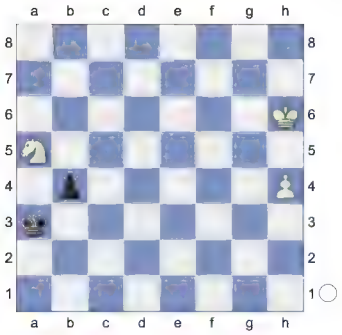


51.Kg2 Kf4 52.Kh3 Ke4 53.Nb3 Kd3 54.Kh4 Kc4 55.Nc1 White wants to mate with Kh5. **55...Kd4**

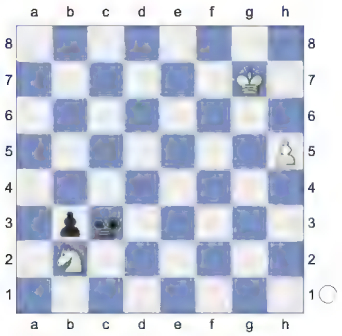
(Diagram)



56.Kh5 Ke3 57.Kxh6 KN-KP **57...Kd2 58.Nb3+ Kc3 59.Na5 Kb2 60.h4 Ka3**

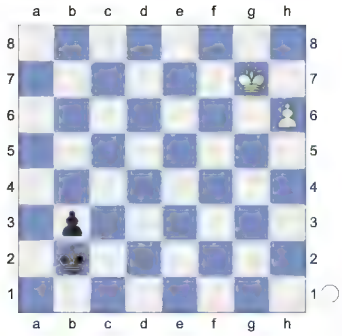


61.h5 Ka4 62.Nc4 b3 63.Kg7 10.32/28
[⌓63.Kg5 #15/27 Kb4 64.Nd2 b2 65.h6 Kc3 66.Nb1+ Kc2 67.h7! Kxb1 68.h8Q]
63...Kb4 64.Nb2 White threatens Nd1 and mate. **64...Kc3**

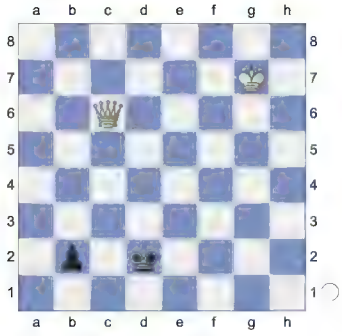


65.h6! Kxb2

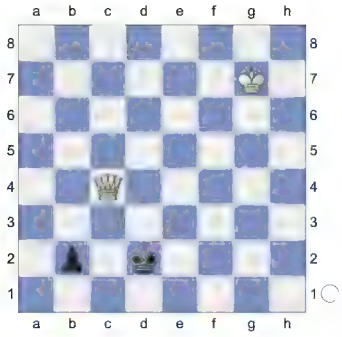
(Diagram)



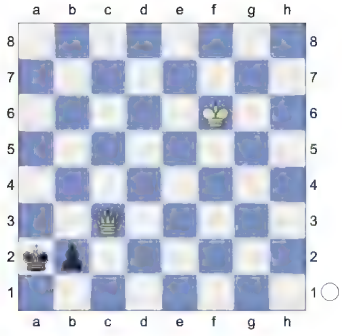
KP-KP **66.h7 Kc2 67.h8Q b2 68.Qc8+ Kd2 69.Qb7 Kc1 70.Qc6+ Kd2**



71.Qb5 Kc1 72.Qc4+ Kd2

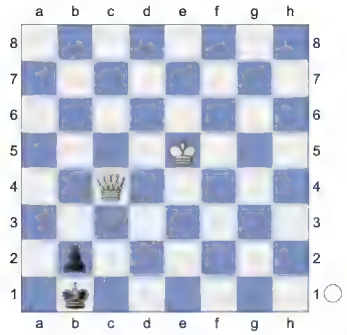


73.Qb3! Kc1 74.Qc3+ Kb1 75.Kf6 Ka2

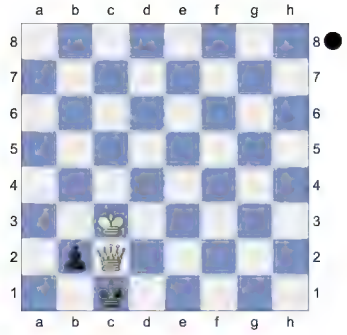


76.Qa5+ Kb3 77.Qb5+ Ka2 78.Qa4+

Kb1 79.Ke5 Kd4 would kill now.
79...Kc1 80.Qc4+ White mates.
80...Kb1



81.Kd4 Ka1 82.Qa4+ Kb1 83.Kc3 Kc1 84.Qc2#



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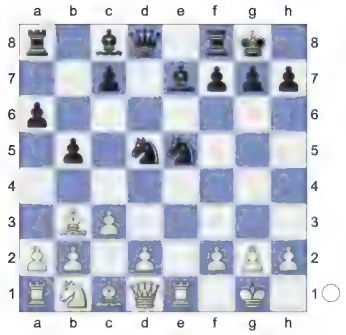
66 **C89**
□ **Bot64Jaques** **2586**
■ **Arasanx** **3049**
Rapid 06.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

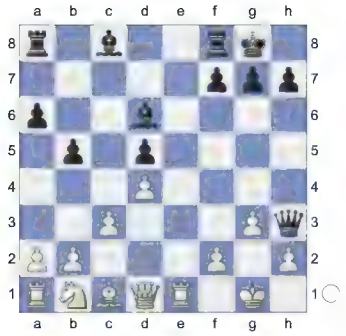
Blitz 10min+5sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

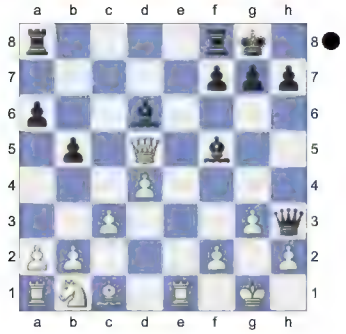
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



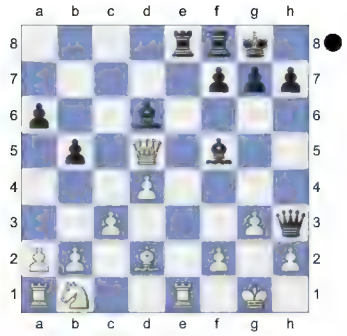
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Bxd5 cxd5



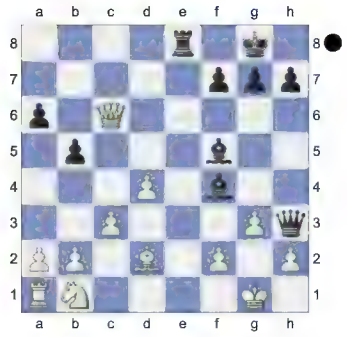
16.Qf3 Bf5 17.Qxd5



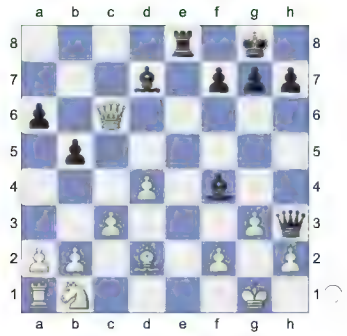
Rae8! -0.64/23 **18.Bd2!∓**
(Diagram)



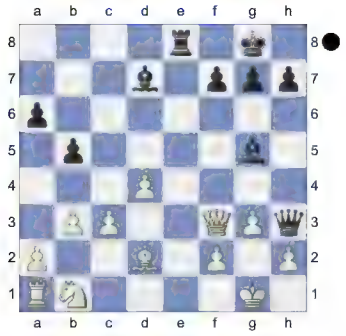
Bf4! ...Rxe1+ is the strong threat.
19.Rxe8 Black is slightly better.
19...Rxe8→ Black mounts an attack.
The board is on fire. **20.Qc6**
[20.gxf4 Be4]



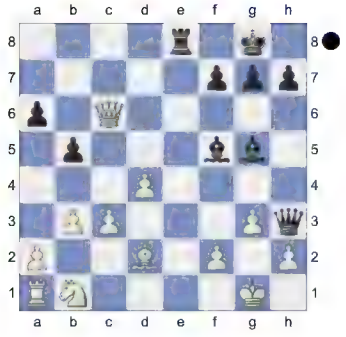
20...Bd7
[20...Kf8 21.c4 f6 22.Bb4+ Kf7 23.Nc3 Bd2 24.cxb5 axb5 25.Qxb5 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Be4 27.f3 Bxf3 28.Qf1 Qxf1+ 29.Rxf1 Bd5 30.Rf5 Bxa2 31.Kf2 Bb3 32.Rc5 g5 33.d5 h5 34.Rc7+ Kg6 35.d6 Lehikoinen,P (2470)-Szewczyk,G (2395) corr 1991 1-0 (40)]



Black has compensation. This bishop pair is nice. **21.Qf3**
[Not 21.Qxa6? Qg4! 22.Qb7 *(22.Bxf4? Re1+ 23.Kg2 Qh3+ 24.Kf3 Bg4#)* 22...Qd1+ 23.Kg2 Bf5 24.Bxf4 *(24.Qxb5 Be4+ 25.Kh3 Rb8)* 24...Be4+ 25.Qxe4 Rxe4-+]
[21.Qg2 Qf5]
21...Bg5N
[21...h6 22.Be3 Bf5 23.Nd2 Bg4 24.Qxf4 0-1 (24) Binder,T-Rosner,D www.desc-online.de 1999 UltraCorr3a [Fritz 6 Old (30s)]]
22.b3? -2.50/24
[22.a4∓ -0.63/22 bxa4 23.c4]

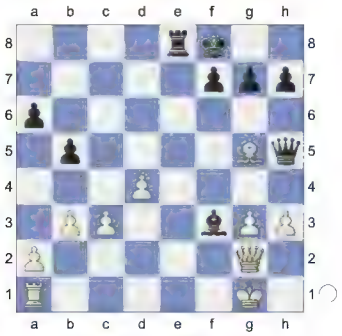


22...Bf5!-+ Threatens to win with ...Be4.
23.Qc6
[23.Qg2 Qh5]

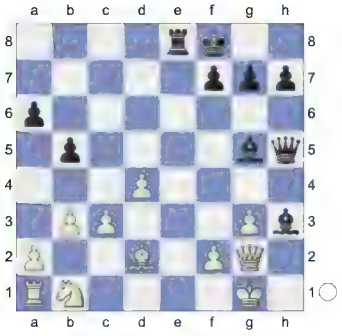


23...Kf8 24.Qg2
[24.Qc5+ Be7]
24...Qh5 Strongly threatening ...Bh3.
25.h3 Bxh3
[Inferior is 25...Bxb1 26.Bxg5

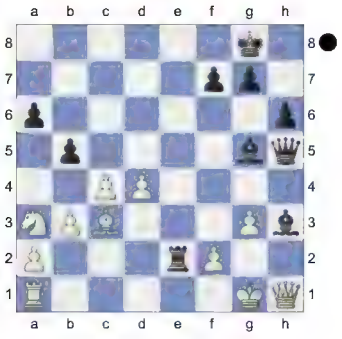
(26.g4? Qg6-+) 26...Be4 27.f3 Bxf3



28.g4! Bxg2 29.gxh5 Bxh3 30.Kf2=]



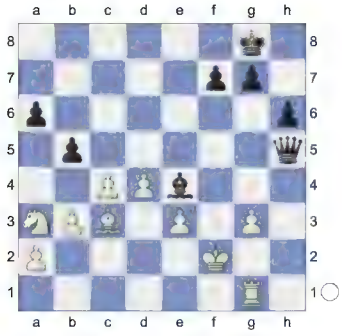
26.Qh1 h6 27.c4 Kg8 28.Bc3 Re2 29.Na3



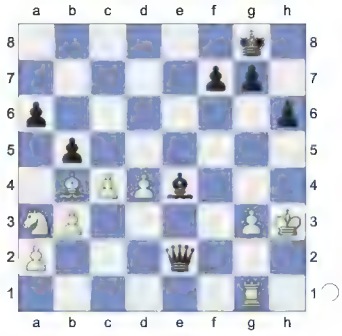
Be3! 30.fxe3
[30.Be1 Bxd4]
30...Qf5

(Diagram)

31.Qh2 Prevents Qf2+. **31...Rxh2 32.Kxh2 Bg4 33.Rg1 Qh5+ 34.Kg2 Bf3+ 35.Kf2 Be4**

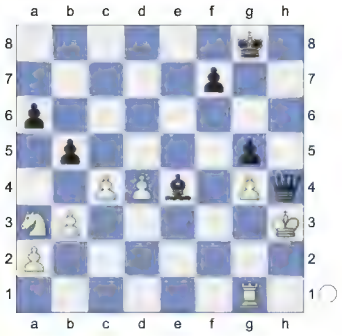


(→ ...Qh2+) **36.Ke1 Qf3 37.Bb4 Qxe3+ 38.Kf1 Bd3+ 39.Kg2 Qe2+ 40.Kh3 Be4**



Black mates. **41.Be7 g5 42.Bxg5 hxg5 43.g4 Qf3+ 44.Kh2 Qf2+ 45.Kh3 Qh4#**

(Diagram)



White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.04 (flawless)
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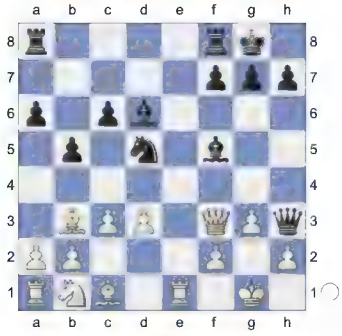
67 **C89**
□ **Weiawaga** **2764**
■ **Arasanx** **3051**
Rapid 05.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

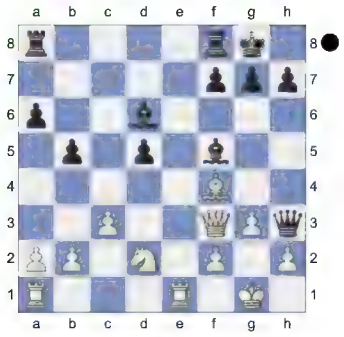
(Diagram)

11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

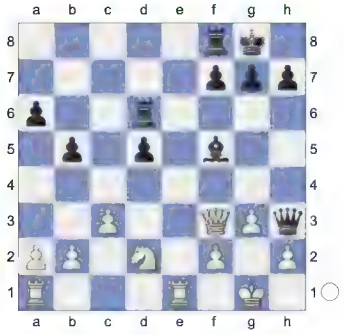


16.Be3 Bxd3 The position is equal.
[16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
[16...Bg4!? 17.Qh1 Qh5±]
17.Nd2 Bf5
[17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]
18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Bf4N -0.98/19
[19.Qxd5= 0.30/20 Rfd8 20.Qg2 b4 *(20...Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 b4 22.Bd4 Bf8 23.Nb3 Be6 24.Bb6 Rdb8 25.Ba5 bxc3* ½-½ (25) Navara,D (2703)-Vitiugov,N (2751) Hamburg (m/1) 142/ (126) 2019 Chess Informant 142 [Foisor,Sabina Francesca]*)* 21.Nc4 *(21.Bb6 Qxg2+ 22.Kxg2 Rd7* Lesson 24: Spanish Mainline -- Marshall Gambit 8... d5 9. ex,1 *23.c4 Bxg3 24.Kxg3 Rxd2 25.b3 f6* 15. g3,1-N,N Marshall 12. d3 (14... Qh4) A *)* 21...bxc3 22.Qxh3 Bxh3 23.bxc3 Bc7 24.Bd4 Be6 25.Ne3 f6 26.a4 Ba5 Marshall 12. d3 (14... Qh4)

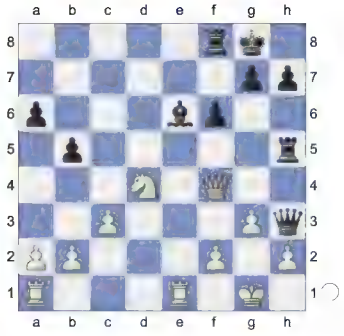
A-15. g3,1]



19...Rad8 0.03/20 &Nero is more active.
[Black should play 19...Rfd8!∓ -0.98/19]
20.Bxd6= Rxd6

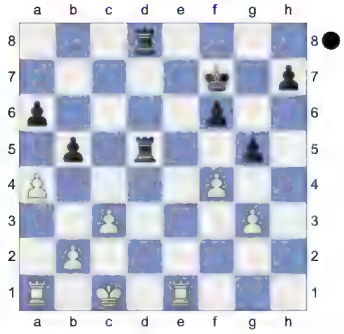


21.Re5⇄ White is not keeping still
21...Be6 22.Nb3 f6 23.Ree1 d4!
White must now prevent ...Bd5. **24.Qf4!**
[24.Nxd4? Bd5 25.Re4 f5-+]
24...Rd5 aiming for ...Rh5.
[Don't do 24...Bd5 25.f3 Rdd8 26.Nxd4±]
25.Nxd4 Rh5!

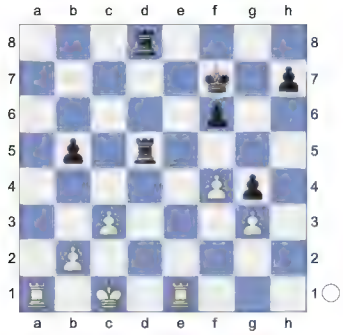


26.Nxe6 -1.67/20
[Not 26.Rxe6? Qxh2+ 27.Kf1 Qh1+ 28.Ke2 Qxa1-+]
[26.Nf3!∓ -0.52/25]
26...Qxh2+-+ 27.Kf1 Qh3+ 28.Ke2 Qxe6+ 29.Kd2 Qd5+ -1.42/21
[⌓29...Re5 -0.85/22 30.Re3 a5]
30.Qd4∓ Rd8

31.Qxd5+ Rhxd5+∓ Endgame KRR-KRR **32.Kc1 g5 33.a4 Kf7 34.f4** -1.04/20
[34.Rf1∓ -0.63/22]



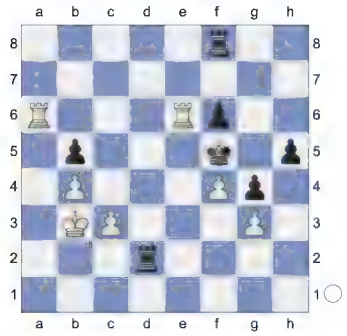
34...g4!∓ 35.axb5 axb5



36.Ra6 h5 37.Kc2 Kg6 38.Ree6 -1.56/21
[⌓38.Re2 -1.12/21]
38...Kf5 39.b4 -1.90/23

[39.Kb1∓ -0.98/21 was called for.]

39...Rd2+-+ 40.Kb3 Rf8



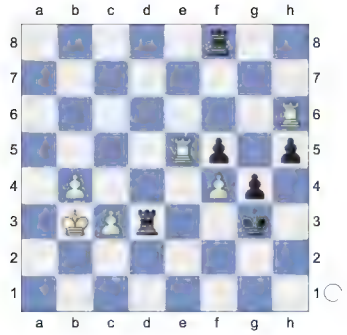
And now ...h4! would win. **41.Re7** -2.30/22

[41.Reb6∓ -1.50/22]

41...Rd3 42.Rb7 Ke4 43.Rxb5 f5

[And not 43...Rxg3 44.Re6+ Kxf4 45.Rxh5-+]

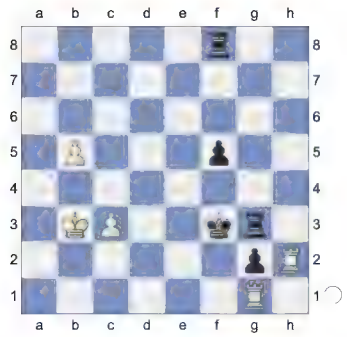
44.Re5+ Kf3 45.Rh6 Kxg3



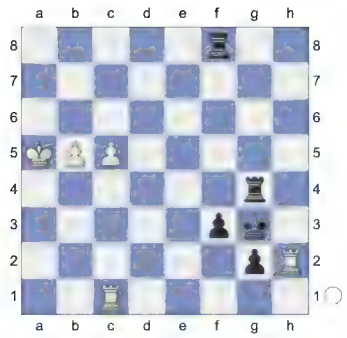
Strongly threatening ...h4. **46.Rxh5 Kxf4 47.Re1** -3.86/21

[⌓47.Re7 -2.47/22]

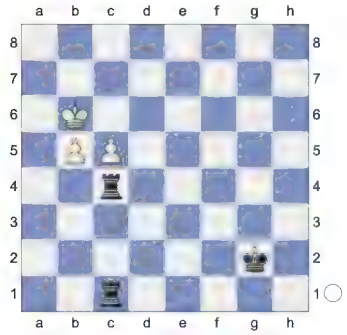
47...g3 48.b5 g2 49.Rg1 Rg3 50.Rh2 Kf3



51.Kb4 f4 52.c4 Kf2 53.Rc1 f3 54.c5 Rg4+ 55.Ka5 Kg3

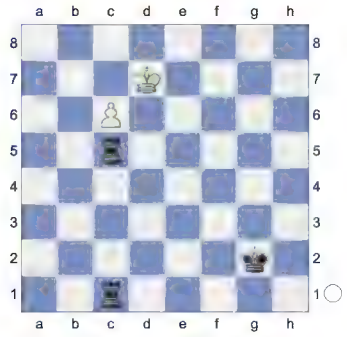


56.Rxg2+ fxg2 57.Rg1 Rf1 58.Rxg2+ Kxg2 59.Ka6 Rc4 60.Kb6 Rfc1



61.c6 Rc5 62.Ka6 Rb1 63.Kb6 Rbxb5+ -8.89/5 **64.Kc7 Rc1**

Black mates. **65.Kd7 Rbc5**



66.Kd6

[66.Ke6 Rxc6+ 67.Kf7 Ra6 68.Ke8 Rc7 69.Kd8 Raa7 70.Ke8 Rc8#]

66...Rxc6+ 67.Kd7 Rb6 68.Ke8 Rb7 69.Kd8 Rcc7 70.Ke8 Rc8#

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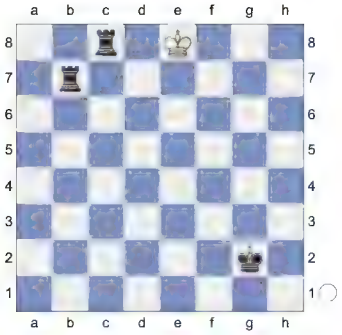

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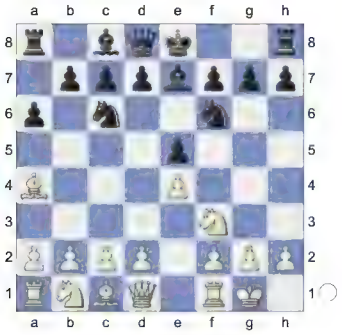
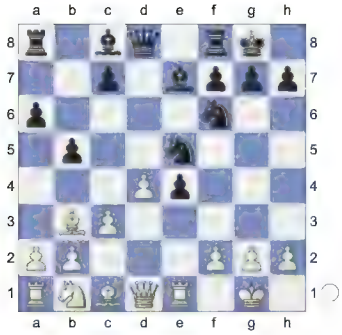
68 **C89**
□ **Xiaozu** **2557**
■ **Ragingknightnc** **2530**
Rapid 04.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



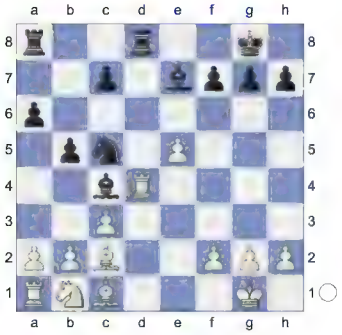
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 0.08/20
[9.exd5± 0.56/21 Nxd5 10.a4]
9...dxe4 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)

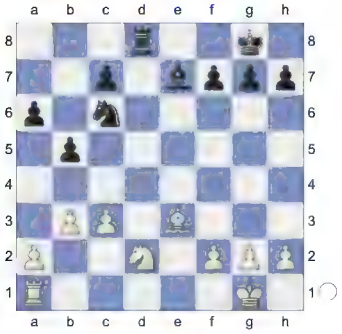


11.dxe5 Nd7N 0.64/19
[⌓11...Qxd1 0.31/21 12.Bxd1
A) 12...Nd7 13.Bc2 *(13.Rxe4 Nc5 14.Rd4 Ne6 15.Rd2 Bg5 16.Rc2 Bxc1 17.Rxc1 Nf4 18.Bf3 Rb8 19.Rd1 Ng6* Lesson 24: Spanish Mainline --Marshall Gambit 8... d5 9. d4*)* 13...Nxe5 *(13...Bb7 14.Nd2 Nxe5 15.Nxe4 Rfe8 16.b3 Rad8 17.Bf4 f6* Antipov,M (2520)-14. ♕h6 ♖c3 15.bc3 ♕c7 (2435) Göteborg 2003 Telechess CBM 89 [Anil Kumar Anand]*)* 14.Bxe4 Ra7 *(14...Rb8 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Rxe5 Rd8 19.Kf1 f6 20.Re3 Rd1+ 21.Re1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Bf5 23.Na3 Re8+ 24.Kd2 Rd8+* Lesson 24: Spanish Mainline --Marshall Gambit 8... d5 9. d4*)* 15.a4 bxa4 16.Rxa4 Bd7 17.Rd4 Bd6 18.Be3 Bc5 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Rh4+ Kg8 21.Bxc5 Nd3 22.Bxf8 Nxe1 23.Ba3 Rb7 24.Rb4 Rxb4 25.Bxb4 Nd3 26.Ba3 f6 27.Nd2 Filippov,L (2485)-Stoll,J (2092) Moscow 2023 03 d5 and e6: model game [John Watson] ½-½ (60);
B) 12...Nd5]
12.Rxe4± Nc5 13.Qxd8 -0.13/22
[13.Rd4± 0.60/20 Qe8 14.Bc2]
13...Rxd8= 14.Rd4 Be6 0.03/20
[14...Rxd4∓ -0.38/21 15.cxd4 Nxb3

16.axb3 Be6]
15.Bc2 Bc4 0.62/21
[15...Nd7= -0.07/20]



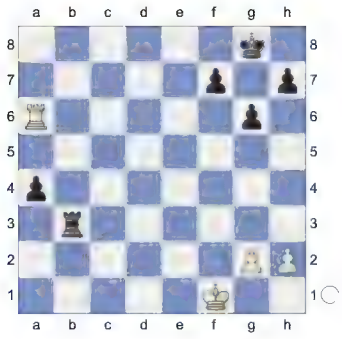
16.b3 -0.01/22
[16.Rxc4!± 0.62/21 bxc4 17.Nd2]
16...Bd3 17.Bxd3 Nxd3 18.Be3 Nxe5 ...Ng4! is the strong threat. &Nero is more active. **19.Nd2 Nc6** -0.01/20
[19...f5∓ -0.46/20]
20.Rxd8+ Rxd8



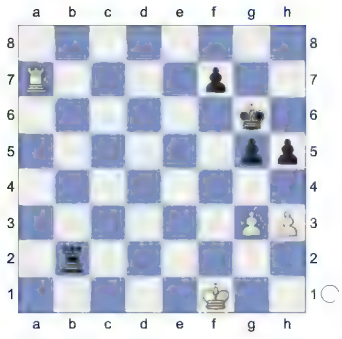
21.Rd1 -0.26/19
[21.Kf1 0.06/20 should be considered.]
21...Bf6 22.Kf1 -0.69/20
[Better is 22.Rc1= 0.00/21]
22...Bxc3∓ 23.Rc1 Bxd2 24.Rxc6 Bxe3 25.fxe3 Endgame KR-KR
25...Rd2

(Diagram)

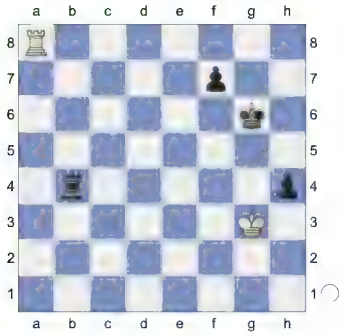
26.Rxc7 -0.65/24
[26.Rxa6= -0.20/23 Kf8 27.Ra7]
26...g6 27.a3 -1.14/23
[27.Rc8+∓ -0.50/22 Kg7 28.a4]
27...Rd3 -0.60/23
[27...Ra2∓ -1.14/23 28.a4 bxa4 29.bxa4 Rxa4]
28.Rc6 Rxe3 29.Rxa6 Rxb3 30.a4 bxa4



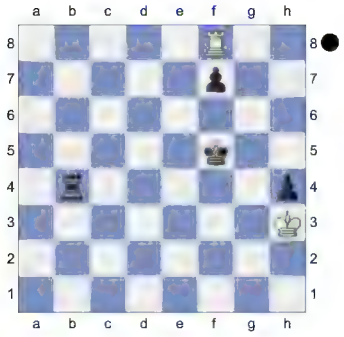
31.Rxa4 Rb2 32.Ra8+ Kg7 33.Ra7 g5 34.h3 h5 35.g3 -1.17/29
[⌓35.Ra5 -0.72/27]
35...Kg6 -0.55/25
[35...Rh2∓ -1.17/29 36.h4 gxh4 37.gxh4 Rxh4]



36.h4 -1.14/30
[36.Ra6+∓ -0.55/25 f6 37.Kg1]
36...gxh4∓ 37.gxh4 Rb4 38.Ra8 Rxh4
Threatens to win with ...Rh2. **39.Kg2**
Prevents Rh2+. **39...Rb4 40.Kg3 h4+**
-0.01/30
[40...Rc4∓ -1.34/27 Black wants to play ...Kh7. 41.Rg8+ Kh7]



41.Kh3!= Kg5 42.Rg8+! Kf5 43.Rf8
-1.51/24
[43.Rh8= -0.17/27]



43...f6 -0.01/31
[43...Ke6!∓ -1.51/24 44.Re8+ Kf6]
44.Rh8 Rb1 45.Rh5+ Kf4
[Of course not 45...Kg6?! 46.Rc5∓]

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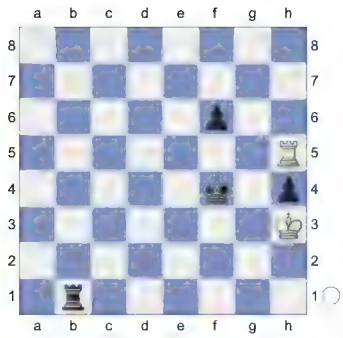
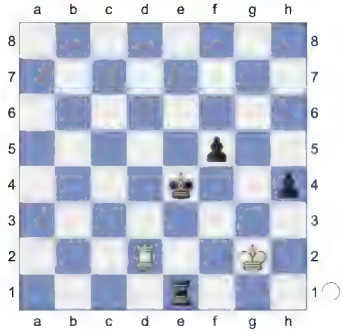


White must now prevent ...Rb3+. **46.Rd5**
f5
[Stronger than 46...Ke4 47.Ra5∓]
47.Rd4+ -0.70/27
[47.Rd8= -0.01/29]
47...Kf3 -0.01/29
[Black should try 47...Kg5∓ -0.70/27
48.Rd8 Rb3+ 49.Kg2 h3+ 50.Kh2
f4]
48.Rd3+ -0.40/29
[48.Kxh4= -0.01/29 f4 49.Ra4]
48...Ke4∓ 49.Rd2 Rh1+ 50.Kg2 Re1



Hoping for ...Ke3. **51.Rf2** -1.17/26
[White should play 51.Rd8∓ -0.52/26
Re3 52.Re8+ Kf4 53.Rf8]
51...f4 -0.01/26
[51...Re3∓ -1.17/26 52.Ra2 Rg3+
53.Kh2 f4 54.Ra4+ Kf5]
52.Ra2= Rd1 53.Re2+ Kf5
[53...Kd5!?]
54.Re8 Rd2+ 55.Kf3! Rd3+

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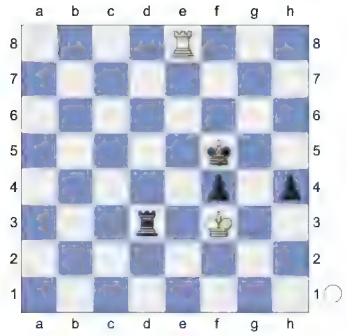
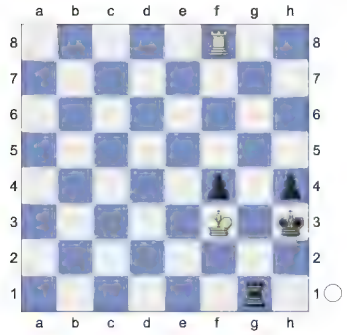
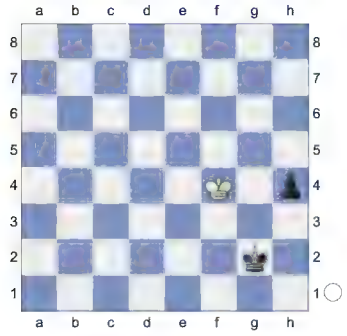


56.Ke2 Rg3 57.Rf8+ Kg4 58.Rg8+ Kh3 59.Rf8 Rg2+ 60.Kf3 Rg1



61.Rxf4? -#14/26
[61.Kf2= -0.01/28 Rg3 62.Rxf4]
61...Rf1+ Black mates. **62.Ke4 Rxf4+ 63.Kxf4 Kg2**



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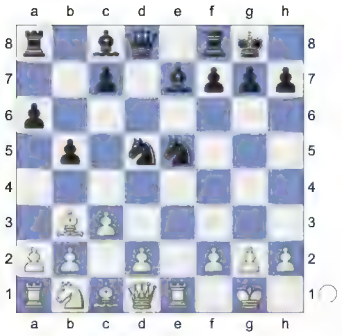
69 **C89**
□ **Weiawaga** **2763**
■ **Patriciabot** **2823**
Rapid 03.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

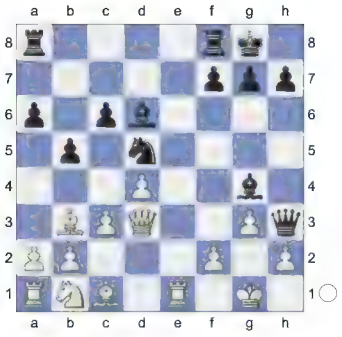
Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Neil McDonald: 'Peter Leko uses a celebrated pawn sacrifice to win time to launch a huge kingside attack which culminates in the spectacular offer of a bishop to force ... a drawish endgame where he is a pawn down. "Peter Leko uses a celebrated pawn sacrifice to win time to launch a huge kingside attack which culminates in the spectacular offer of a bishop to force ... a drawish endgame where he is a pawn down. Mikhalevski, V: 'Neil McDonald: 'Peter Leko uses a celebrated pawn sacrifice to win time to launch a huge kingside attack which culminates in the spectacular offer of a bishop to force ... a drawish endgame where he is a pawn down. '" **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qd3 Bg4



16.Qf1 Qh5 17.Nd2 a5N 0.42/22

[17...Rae8!= -0.01/21 might be stronger. 18.f3 *(18.Rxe8 Rxe8 19.f3 Bf5 20.Ne4 Bc7 21.Bd2 Qg6 22.Re1 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Rxe4 24.Bc2 f5 25.fxe4 fxe4 26.Qg2 Nf6 27.Qh3 Ng4 28.Bb3+ Kf8 29.Bd1 e3 30.Bc1 h5 31.Bxg4 hxg4 32.Qf1+ Ke8* Svidler,P (2735)-Leko,P (2751) Mexico City 2007 CBM 120 [Marin, Mihail] ½-½ (43) *)* 18...Rxe1 *(18...Bh3 19.Qf2 Rxe1+ 20.Qxe1 Bf4 21.Bxd5 Bxd2 22.Bxd2 Qxd5 23.Qe4 Qd7 24.Re1 Be6 25.a3 Re8 26.g4 f6 27.h3 Bf7 28.Qf4 Rxe1+ 29.Bxe1 h6 30.Qe4 Bd5 31.Qe3 Qe6 32.Kf2 Qxe3+ 33.Kxe3* Hou,Y (2603)-Leko,P (2735) Wijk aan Zee NED 2013 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (37) *)* 19.Qxe1 Bxf3]

[17...f5

A) 18.c4 f4 19.cxd5 c5 20.Re4 c4 21.Bc2 fxg3 22.hxg3 Bxg3 23.fxg3 Rxf1+ 24.Nxf1 Qh3 25.Re3 Rf8 26.Bd2 Bf3 27.Rxf3 Rxf3 28.Be4 Rxg3+ 29.Nxg3 Qxg3+ 30.Kf1 *(30.Bg2 Qd3 31.Be1 Qxd4+ 32.Bf2 Qxb2* Marshall 15. Qe2. Qd3,Q-15. Qe2 #5 (32) *)* 30...Qh3+ 31.Ke2 Qh2+ 32.Ke3 Qh6+ Marshall 15. Qe2. Qd3,Q-15. Qe2 #4 (33);

B) 18.f3 Bh3 19.Qf2 Kh8 20.Bc2 Rae8 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Nf1 f4 23.Bd2 g5 24.g4 Qf7 25.Re1 h5 #7 Marshall 15. Qe2. Qd3,Q-15. Qe2]

18.a4!± Threatening Ne4. **18...Nf4**

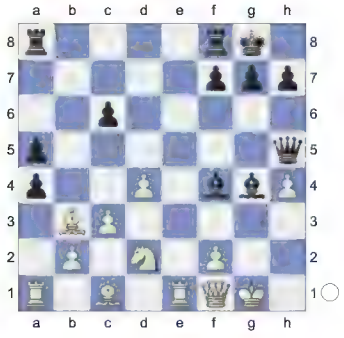
19.gxf4 Bxf4 0.83/24

[19...bxa4± 0.45/25 is superior. 20.Bxa4 Bxf4]

20.h4± Qg2 is the strong threat.

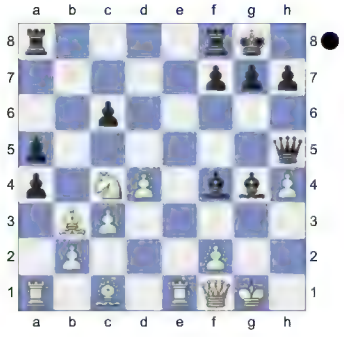
[20.Qg2 Bh3 21.Bd1 *(21.Qxc6? Bxh2+ 22.Kxh2 Bd7+ 23.Kg1 Bxc6-+)* 21...Qh6∓]

20...bxa4



21.Bxa4 And now Re4 would win.

[21.Nc4?

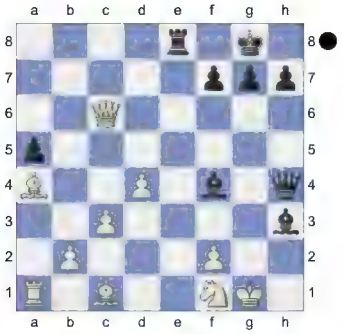


Bh2+! 22.Kxh2 Qxh4+ 23.Kg1 Bf3-+]

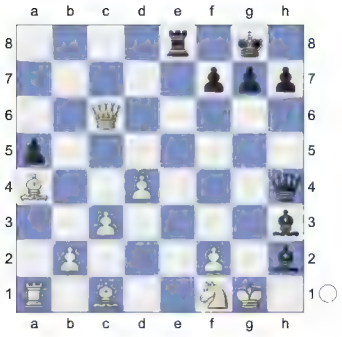
21...Qxh4 **22.Qg2** Against Qh2+. Threatens to win with Re4. **22...Rae8** **23.Rxe8**

[Don't blunder 23.Re4? Bh3 24.Rxe8 *(24.Rxf4? Re1+ 25.Nf1 Qh5-+)* 24...Bxg2 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8 26.Kxg2 Qg5+ 27.Kf1 Bxd2 28.Bxd2 Qxd2 29.Bxc6 Qxb2 30.Rxa5 Qxc3 31.Ra8+ Ke7-+]

23...Rxe8 **24.Nf1!** **Bh3** **25.Qxc6**



Bh2+!



26.Kh1 **Rc8** **27.Qd5**

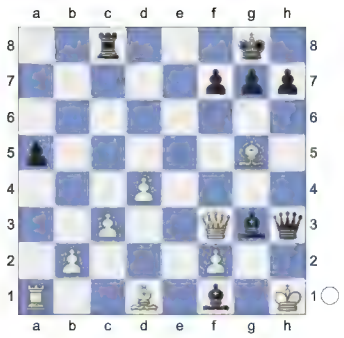
[27.Nxh2? Rxc6 28.Bxc6 Qxf2-+]

27...Bxf1 **28.Bg5⇄** White is not keeping still **28...Qh5** **29.Bd1** **Qh3** (→ ...Bg3+) **30.Qf3** Hoping for Qxh3.

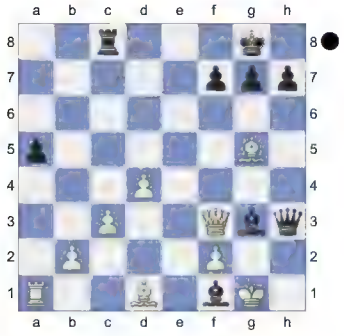
[Wrong is 30.Bg4? Qxg4 31.Kxh2 Qh5+ 32.Kg1 Be2-+]

30...Bg3+!

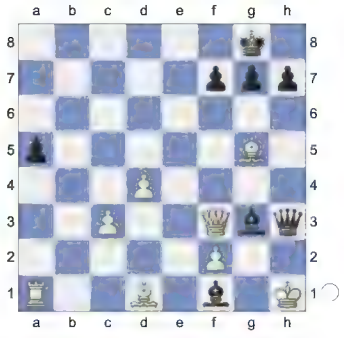
(Diagram)



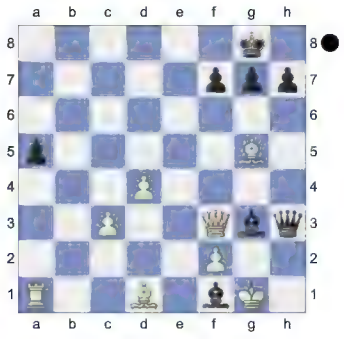
31.Kg1



The position is equal. **31...Rxc3!** **32.bxc3** Dancing on a razor blade. **32...Bh2+** **33.Kh1** **Bg3+!** **34.Kg1** White threatens Qa8+ and mate. **34...Bh2+** **35.Kh1** **Bg3+!**



36.Kg1



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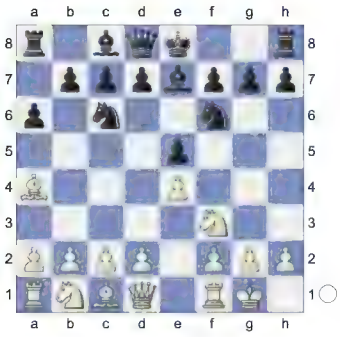
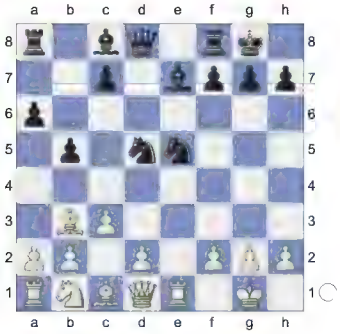
½-½

70 **C89**
□ **Projecthuman** **2835**
■ **Ripsockeye** **2790**
Classical 03.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 25min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qf6 15.Nd2 Qg6

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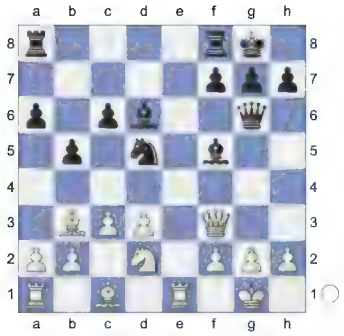
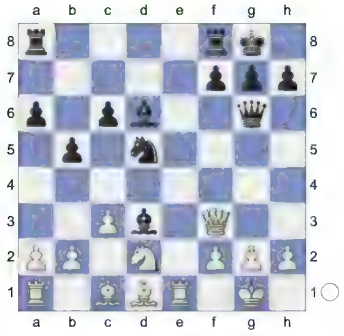


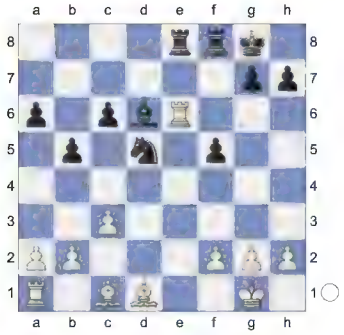
16.Bd1 -0.51/18
[White should play 16.Nf1= 0.16/19]
16...Bxd3∓



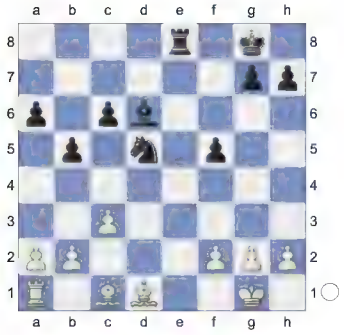
White must now prevent ...Rfe8. Black is slightly better. **17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 f5N** 0.71/20
[18...Bc7= -0.20/16 keeps the balance.]
[18...Qxe4 19.Rxe4 Rae8 *(19...f5 20.Re2 Rfe8 21.Bd2 Bf4 22.Be1 Nb6 23.g3 Bc7 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Bf3 Re6 26.b3 Be5 27.Rd1 Kf7 28.Kf1 g6 29.Rc1 a5 30.c4 bxc4 31.Bxa5 cxb3 32.axb3 Nd5 33.Rxc6 Rxc6 34.Bxd5+* 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 (2798)-Wohl,R (2759) Wien 38/514 2016 EXP 46 [Liubomirov] 1-0 (47)) 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Kf1 Bf4 22.Bf3 Bxc1 23.Rxc1 Kf8 24.a3 Rd8 25.c4 Nf4 26.Bxc6 Nd3 27.Rc2 bxc4 28.Rxc4 Nxb2 29.Rc2 Rc8 30.Ke2 Ke7 31.Be4 Rxc2+ 32.Bxc2 Nc4 33.Bd3 Anand,V (2768)-Grischuk,A (2766) Saint Louis USA 2018 [Mikhalevski,Victor] ½-½ (34) Nxa3

34.Bxa6 1-0 (34) 12.Na4 Qa5-1-N,N Wijk aan Zee 2001 Najdorf 3 [Kasparov]]

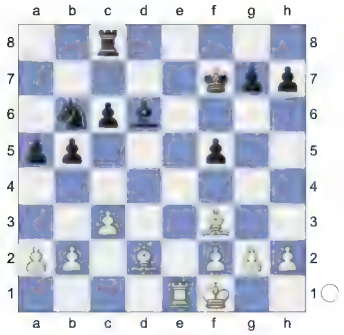
19.Qe6+± Qxe6 20.Rxe6 Rae8



21.Rxe8 Rxe8



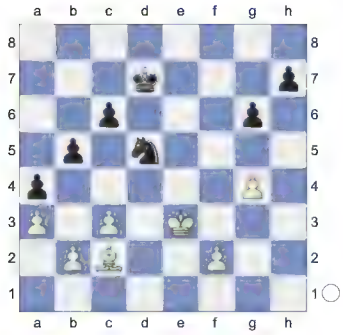
22.Kf1 Against Re1+ **22...Kf7** 0.20/19
[22...a5± 0.66/20]
23.Bf3= Rc8
[23...Bxh2? 24.g3+-]
24.Bd2 Nb6
[24...Bxh2? 25.g3+-]
25.Re1 a5



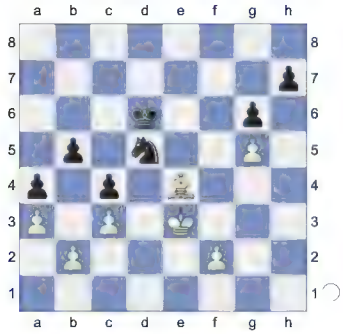
26.h3 a4 27.Bd1 Re8 28.Rxe8 Kxe8 Endgame KBB-KBN **29.Bc2 g6 30.g4 fxg4**

(Diagram)

31.hxg4 Nd5 32.Ke2 Kd7 33.a3 Bf4 34.Bxf4 Nxf4+± KB-KN **35.Ke3 Nd5+**

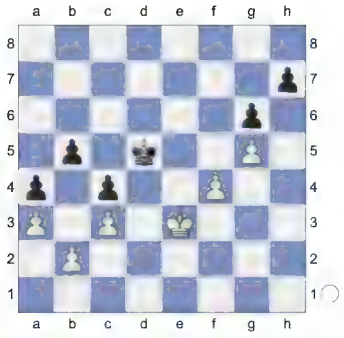


36.Kd4 Kd6 37.g5 Nb6 ...Nc4 is the strong threat. The position is equal. **38.Bd3** Prevents Nc4. **38...c5+ 39.Ke3 c4 40.Be4 Nd5+**

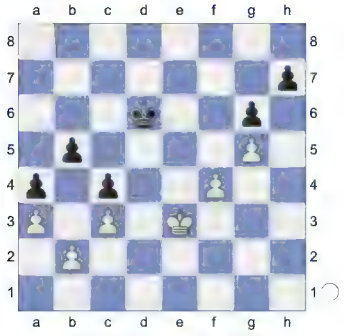


41.Bxd5 Kxd5= KP-KP **42.Kf4 Ke6 43.Ke4 Kd6 44.f4 Ke6! 45.Ke3 Kd5**

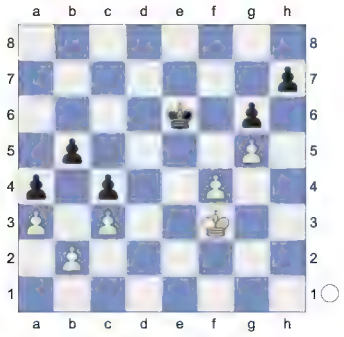
(Diagram)



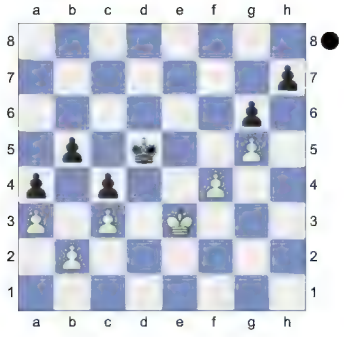
46.Kf3 Kd6 47.Ke2 Ke6 48.Kf2 Kd6 49.Ke2 Kd5 Threatens to win with ... Ke4. **50.Ke3 Kd6**



51.Kd4 Ke6! 52.Ke4 Kd6 53.Kd4 Ke6! 54.Ke3 Kd5 55.Kf3 Ke6



56.Ke4 Kd6 57.Kf3 Kd5 58.Ke3 Kc5 59.Ke2 Kd5 60.Ke3



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71	**C89**
□ **Golden Boom**	**2550**
■ **Lschessontwitch**	**2518**
Rapid	03.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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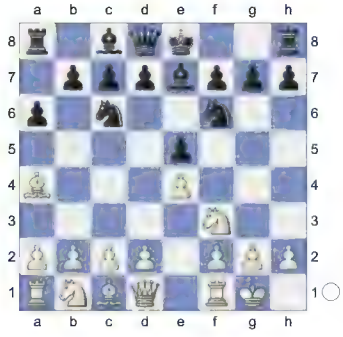

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 c6 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re1 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3

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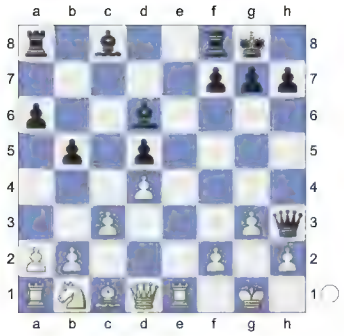
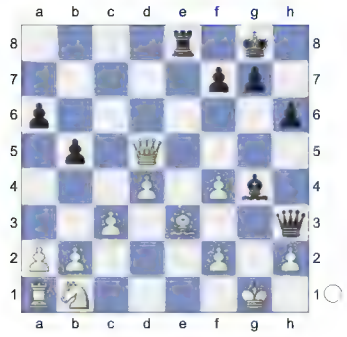
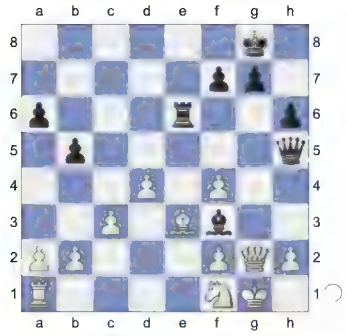


16.Qf3 Bg4
[16...Bf5 17.Qxd5 Rae8 18.Bd2 Re6 19.Na3 h5 20.Rxe6 fxe6 21.Qg2 Qxg2+ 22.Kxg2 Be4+ 23.Kf1 h4 24.gxh4 Bxh2 25.Ke2 Bd6 26.b4 Bf3+ 27.Kd3 Bc6 28.Re1 Bd5 29.c4 bxc4+ 30.Nxc4 Be7 31.Re2 Strahl,C (2580)-7.♗d2 ♘d7 8.♕c2 (2355) ICCF corr 1991 Lexikon04 [Dragan Solak] ½-½ (50)]
17.Qxd5
[17.Qg2 Qh5 18.Be3 Bf3 19.Qf1 f5 20.Nd2 f4 21.Nxf3 fxe3 22.Rxe3 Rxf3 23.Qe2 Raf8 24.Re1 Qf5 25.Rxf3 Qxf3 26.Qe6+ Kh8 27.Rf1 Bb8 28.Qxa6 Qe2 29.a4 Qxb2 30.axb5 Qxc3 31.Qb6 Qc4 Gawlik,H (2295)-Forbush,R (2227) Leon 2023 15 1... c5: model games [John Watson] 0-1 (36)]
17...Rfe8N 0.89/19
[17...Rad8 18.Qg2 Qh5 19.Be3 *(19.f4 Bf3 20.Qf2 Bb7 21.Be3 Qd5 22.Kf1 Rfe8 23.Nd2 Rd7 24.Qg1 Qf5 25.Re2 Rde7 26.Ke1 Qd3 27.Nf1 Bf3* 0-1 (27) Feigelson-Besman Vladimir 1976*)* 19...Bf3 20.Qf1 f5 21.Nd2 f4 22.Nxf3 fxe3 23.Rxe3 Rxf3 C 89/18 24.Qe2 Rf4 25.Qxh5 1-0 (25) Jaime Chavez,A-Perez Assef,A corr Cuba 1996]
18.Rxe8+ 0.47/23
[18.Be3± 0.89/19]
18...Rxe8± White is slightly better.

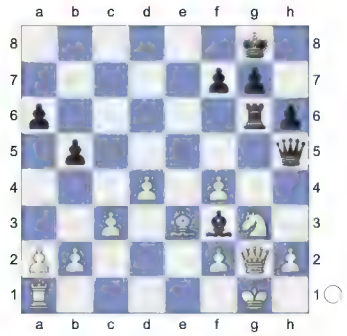
19.Be3! Bf4 2.20/22 Loses the game.
20.gxf4+- h6



21.Qg2 Qh5 3.03/23
[21...Rxe3 1.90/24 was called for. 22.fxe3 Qxe3+ 23.Qf2 Qc1+ 24.Kg2 Bf5]
22.Nd2 Re6 23.Nf1 Bf3



24.Ng3! Rg6



25.Re1! Qd5

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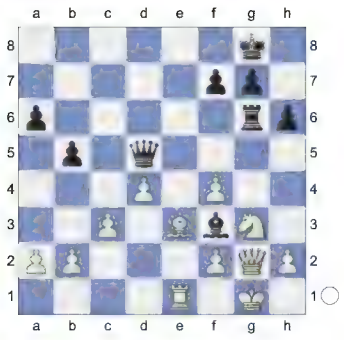
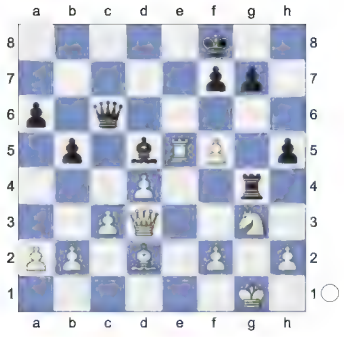
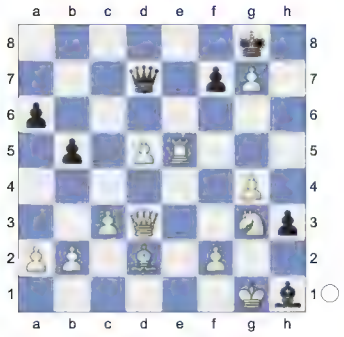


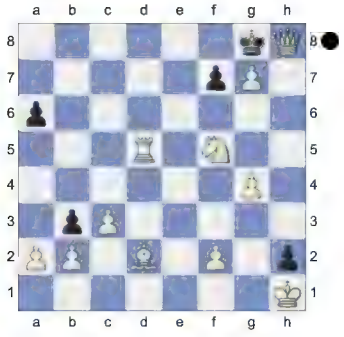
26.Qf1 h5 27.Bd2 Kf8 28.Re5 Qc6 29.Qd3 Bd5 30.f5 Rg4



31.h3 h4 32.hxg4 h3 33.f6 Bh1 34.fxg7+ White mates. **34...Kg8 35.d5 Qd7**



36.Nf5 h2+ 37.Kxh1 b4 38.Qh3 Qxd5+ 39.Rxd5 b3 40.Qh8#



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72 **C89**

□ **Weiawaga** **2577**

■ **InanisBot** **2332**

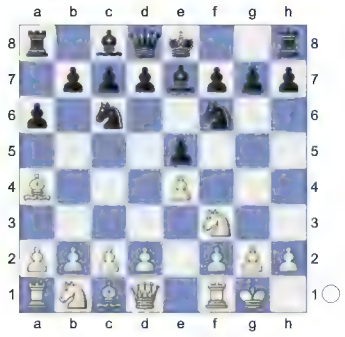
Classical 02.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

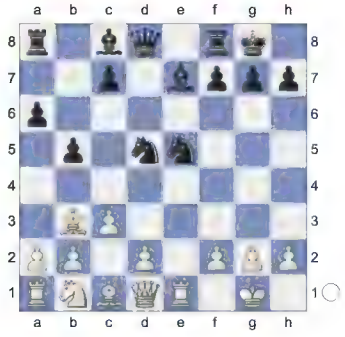
Rapid 25min+1sec

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

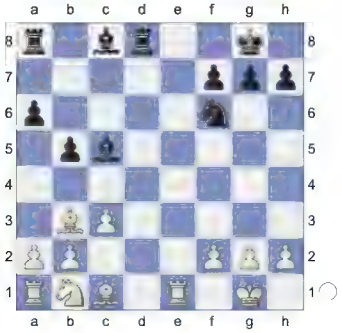


11.Rxe5 Nf6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 c5N

[13...Ng4 14.h3 Qh4 15.Qf3 h5 *(15...Bh2+ 16.Kf1 Be6 17.Bf4 Bf5 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.Qxg3 Qh6 20.Kg1 Nf6 21.a4 bxa4 22.Bxa4 Rab8 23.b4 a5 24.b5 Nh5 25.Qe3 Nf4 26.Nd2 Rb6 27.Nf1 Re6 28.Qf3 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Nxh3+ 30.Kg2*

Borodenko-Zhilin Rostov 1956 The Total Marshall [Harding] ½-½ (32) ; *15...Nxf2 16.Re2 Ng4 17.g3 Qxg3+ 18.Qxg3 Bxg3 19.hxg4 Bb7 20.Nd2 Rae8 21.Bd1 Rxe2 22.Bxe2 Re8 23.Kf1 Re6 24.Nf3 Rg6 25.g5 f6 26.Be3 fxg5 27.Ne5 Rf6+ 28.Kg1 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Re6 30.Bd4* Sorensen,H-Hintikka,E corr 1984 UltraCorr3a [Harding] 0-1 (36)) 16.Re2 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Rb8 18.Bxf7+ *(18.Re8 Be6 19.Rxb8 Rxb8 20.Be3* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Survey 2006) 18...Kh8 19.Qd5 Be5 20.Nd2 Bb7 21.Nf3 Qxf2 22.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 23.Kg1 Bxd5 24.Nxe5 Bxf7 25.Kxf2 Be6+ 26.Ke2 Kh7 27.Be3 Rbe8 28.a4 Smeets,J (2515)-Perdomo,L (2312) Kochi 2004 CI1-130 [Perdomo, L] 0-1 (35)]

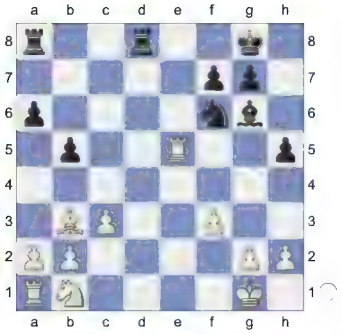
14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Qxd8 Rxd8



White is slightly better. **16.Be3** 0.47/23

[16.Nd2± 1.42/19]

16...Bxe3± 17.Rxe3 Bf5 18.Re2 Bd3 19.Re5 Bg6! 20.f3 h5



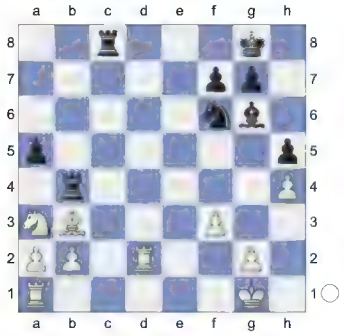
21.h4 Rab8 22.Re2! a5 23.Na3! Rdc8 0.58/24

[23...a4= 0.14/22 feels stronger. 24.Bc2 b4 25.cxb4 Rxb4]

24.Rd2 b4 25.cxb4

[25.Nb1 seems wilder. Ra8 26.Rd4 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Rxd8 28.Kf2]

25...Rxb4



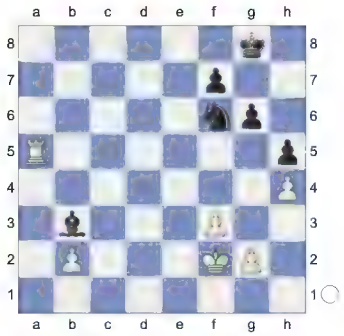
26.Nc2

[26.g3 is more complex. Rcb8 27.Bd1 Rxb2 28.Rxb2 Rxb2 29.Bb3]

26...Rxb3 27.axb3 Black must now prevent Ne3. **27...Rxc2**

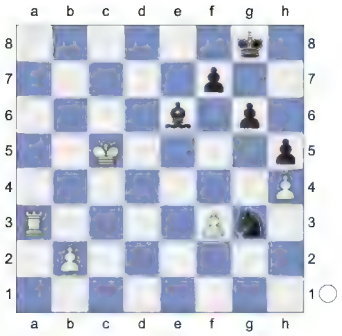
[27...Bxc2? 28.Rc1+-]

28.Rxc2 Bxc2 29.Rxa5 Bxb3 30.Kf2 g6

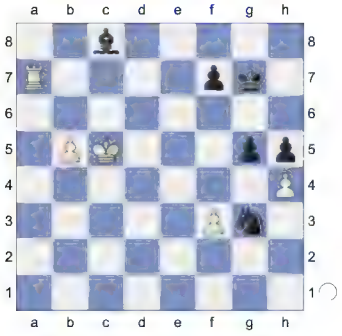


31.Ke3 Nd5+ 32.Kd4 Nf4 33.Ra3! Be6 34.g3 Ne2+ 35.Kc5 Nxg3

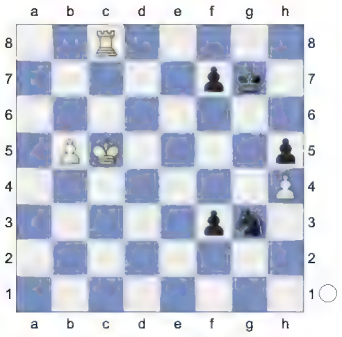
(Diagram)



36.b4 Kg7 37.b5 Bc8? 6.69/24
A mistake that costs the game.
[37...Nf5± 1.15/29 38.Ra8 Ne3]
38.Ra7+- g5

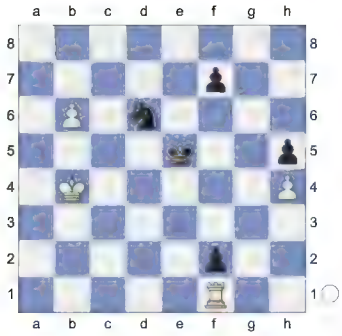


39.Rc7! g4 40.Rxc8 gxf3

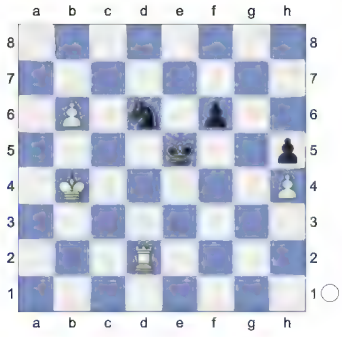


Endgame KR-KN **41.Ra8**
[Not 41.b6 f2 42.b7 f1Q=]
41...Ne4+ 42.Kb4 f2 43.Ra1 Kf6
44.b6 White wants to mate with b7.
44...Nd6 45.Rf1 Ke5

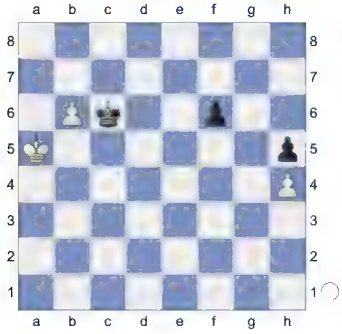
(Diagram)



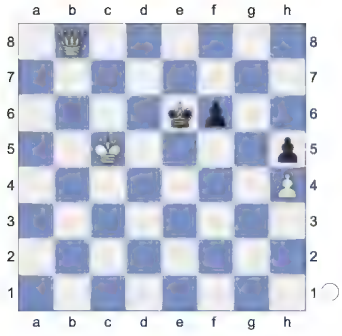
46.Rxf2 Rd2 would kill now. **46...f6**
47.Re2+ Kd5 48.Rd2+ Ke5



49.Rxd6! Kxd6 KPP-KPP **50.Ka5 Kc6**



51.Ka6 Kd5 52.b7 Ke6 53.b8Q Kf7
54.Kb5 Ke7 55.Kc5 Ke6



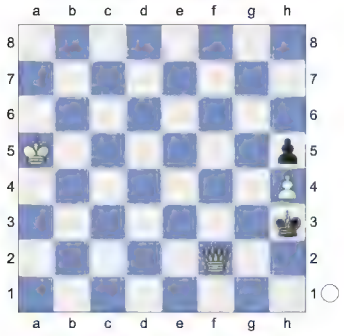
56.Qd6+ Kf5 57.Kb5 Kg4 58.Qxf6
Kh3 59.Qf2 11.88/5

[⏢59.Qg5 #6/14 Kh2 60.Kc4 Kh3 61.Kd3 Kh2 62.Ke4 Kh1 63.Kf3 Kh2 64.Qg2#]

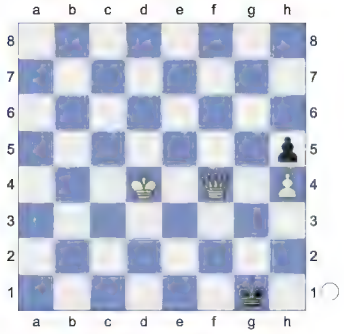
59...Kg4 60.Ka5 11.74/5

[⏢60.Kc5 #6/14 Kh3 61.Kd4 Kg4 62.Ke3 Kh3 63.Qg1 Kxh4 64.Kf2 Kh3 65.Qg3#]

60...Kh3



61.Qf4 Kg2 62.Kb4 Kh1 63.Kb5 Kg1 64.Kc5 Kh1 65.Kd4 Threatening mate with Qg5. **65...Kg1**



66.Ke4 12.93/5

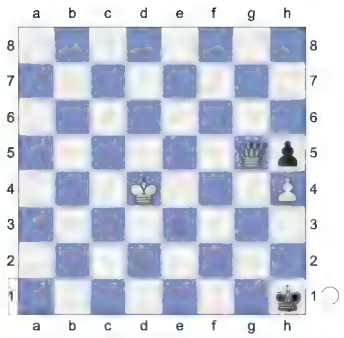
[⏢66.Ke3 #4/10 Kg2 67.Qg5+ Kh1 68.Kf2 Kh2 69.Qg2#]

66...Kg2 67.Qf3+ Kg1 68.Qg3+ 12.12/5

[⏢68.Qe2 #3/8 Kh1 69.Kf3 Kg1 70.Qg2#]

68...Kh1 69.Qg5 Kh2 70.Kd4 Kh1

(Diagram)



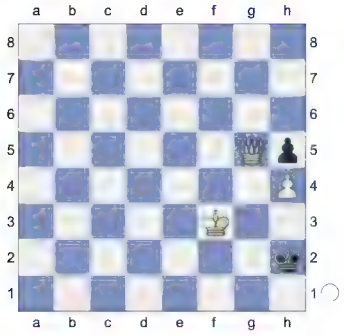
71.Kc4 12.56/5

[⏢71.Ke3 #3/8 Kh2 72.Kf3 Kh3 73.Qg3#]

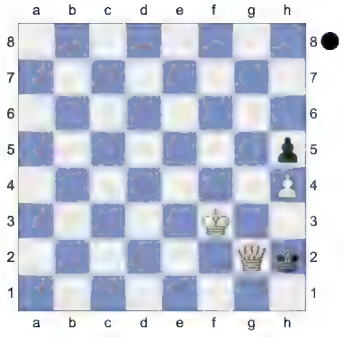
71...Kh2 72.Kd3 Kh1 73.Kd4 12.51/5

[⏢73.Ke2 #3/8 Kh2 74.Kf2 Kh3 75.Qg3#]

73...Kh2 74.Ke3 White mates. **74...Kh1 75.Kf3 Kh2**



76.Qg2#



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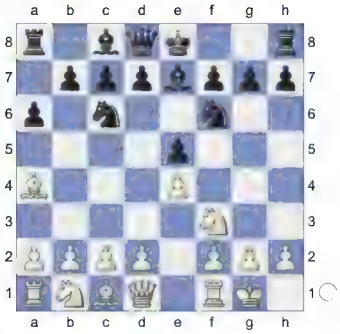
73 **C89**
□ **RomanK_13** **2678**
■ **itakitsu** **2597**
Blitz 02.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec
C86: Closed Ruy Lopez: Worrall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

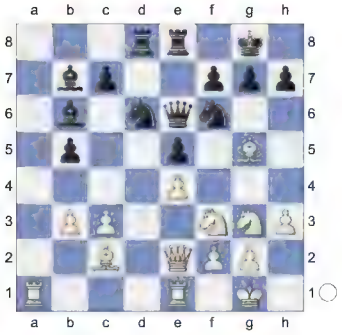


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d3 Re8N
[9...dxe4 10.dxe4 Qxd1 11.Bxd1 *(11.Rxd1 Bc5 12.Bd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Rd8 14.Be3 Bf8 15.Na3 Ne7 16.Nxe5 Nxd5 17.Nc2 Bf5 18.Nd4 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Be4 20.Kf2 Rd6 21.Ndf3 Rad8 22.Rxd6 Rxd6 23.Ke1 h5 24.Rd1 f6 25.Nd7 Rxd1+* Guerrini,S (2251)-Wirsching,A (2631) Manila 2023 TD 92\01 [John Watson] 0-1 (39) *)* 11...Bb7 *(11...Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nbd2 Rad8 14.Bc2 Bc5 15.Nh2 Bb6 16.Ndf1 Na5 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Nf3 Rfe8 19.a4 c5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nf5 c4 22.Be3 Bc7 23.g4 Ra8 24.Nd2 Nb7 25.f3 Bxf5 26.gxf5* Zvezdogliad-Koshmak,Y Dnepropetrovsk 1975 EXT 2022 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (64)*)* 12.Nbd2 Nd7 13.Nb3 a5 14.Be3 a4 15.Nbd2 Rfb8 16.a3 Bc8 17.Bc2 Nc5 18.Rad1 f6 19.Nf1 Be6 The Marshall Declined-D3,B Fighting the Ruy Lopez [Milos Pavlovic]]
[9...Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nbd2 d4 12.Nf1 Qd7 13.Ng3 Bg6 14.Nh4 Na5 15.Bc2 c5 16.Ngf5 Rfe8 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bg5 Rec8 21.Qd2 Rc6 22.Rec1 Nb7 23.Bb3 Jassa-Nassif,J Syrakus 1975 MAS C89 PB [Blatny,P]]
10.Qe2 Bb7

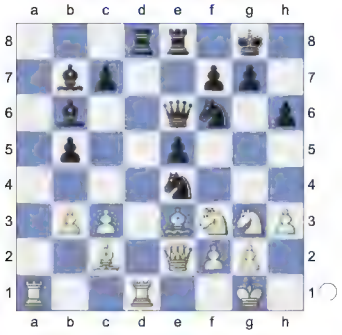
11.Nbd2 Bc5 0.48/18
[11...Bf8= -0.06/18]
12.h3 -0.01/17
[12.exd5± 0.48/18 Na5 13.Bc2 Nxd5 14.Ne4]
12...Qd7 13.Nf1 dxe4 The position is equal. **14.dxe4 Na5 15.Bc2 Rad8?** 2.23/19
[15...Nc4= 0.16/18 and Black has nothing to worry.]

16.Ng3? 0.23/20
[16.b4+- 2.23/19]
16...Nc4= 17.a4 Bb6 0.56/20
[17...h6= 0.11/19]

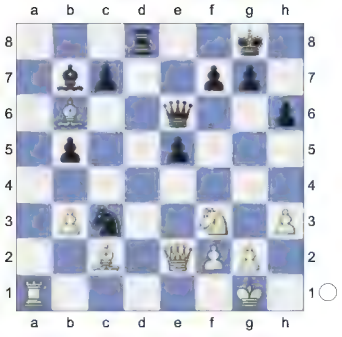
18.b3
[18.Bg5 is interesting. Nxb2 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Nh5]
18...Nd6 19.Bg5 Qe6 20.axb5 axb5



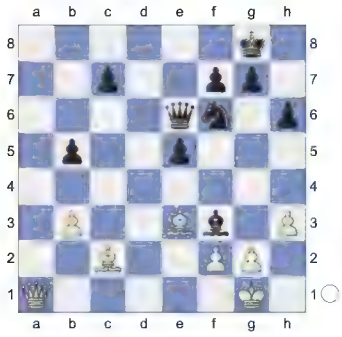
21.Red1 h6 22.Be3 Ndxe4? 1.79/24
[22...c5= 0.10/18]



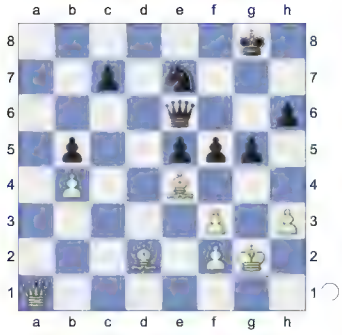
23.Rxd8!+- Rxd8 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.Bxb6 Nxc3



26.Qe1 Nd5 27.Be3 Nf6 28.Rd1 Ra8 2.91/23
[⌓28...Re8 1.89/22 29.Qe2 b4]
29.Ra1? 0.01/20
[29.Qc3+- 2.91/23]
29...Rxa1?? 3.30/22
[29...Rd8!= 0.01/20 and Black is okay.]
30.Qxa1 Bxf3



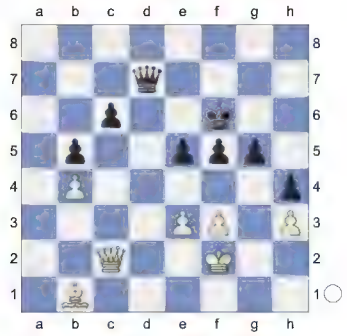
31.gxf3 g5 32.Kg2 Nd5 33.Bd2 f6? 4.18/28
[33...Qd6 2.57/22 34.Be4 Kg7]
34.Be4 Qa8+ is the strong threat.
34...Ne7 35.b4 f5



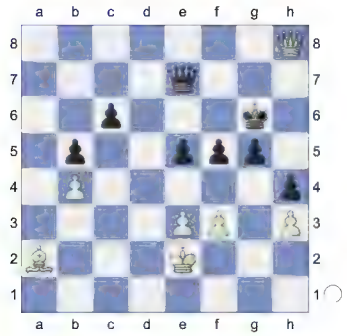
36.Bb1 Kf8 37.Ba2 Qd6 38.Qc3 Nd5 39.Qb3 c6 40.Qb2 Ke7

41.Be3 aiming for Bc5. **41...Nxe3+ 42.fxe3 h5** 2.73/22
[⌓42...f4 1.89/21]
43.Qc2? 0.54/21
[Better is 43.Bb1+- 2.73/22]
43...Kf6 3.34/22
[43...Qxb4± 0.54/21 44.Kf1 Qd6]

44.Bb1 Qd7 45.Kf2 h4



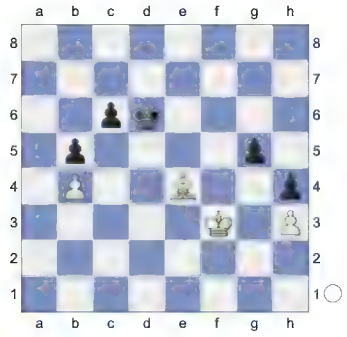
46.Ke2 Qe6 47.Ba2 Qd6 48.Qb3 Qd7 Inhibits Qf7+. **49.Qg8 Qe7 50.Qh8+ Kg6**



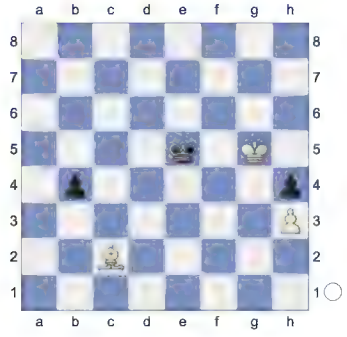
51.Qg8+? -0.01/21
[51.Qc8+- 6.84/25 Qf6 52.Qg8+ Qg7 53.Qe8+ Kh6 54.Bf7]
51...Kh6? 11.90/28
[51...Kf6= -0.01/21 52.Bb3 Qd7 53.Qh8+ Kg6 54.Qxe5 Qd8]
52.Bf7 Qf6 Inhibits Qh8+. **53.Bb3 e4 54.Qe6 exf3+ 55.Kxf3 Kg7**

56.Qxf6+? 2.32/5
[56.Qg8+ 12.95/28 Kh6 57.Qf7 g4+ 58.hxg4 fxg4+ 59.Kxg4 Qg5+ 60.Kf3]

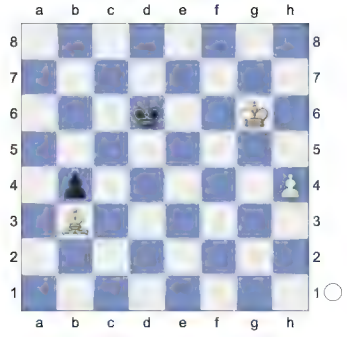
56...Kxf6 Endgame KB-KP **57.e4 Ke5 58.exf5 Kxf5 59.Bc2+ Ke5 60.Be4 Kd6**



61.Kg4 c5 62.bxc5+ Kxc5 63.Kxg5 KB-KPP **63...Kd4 64.Bf5 Ke5 65.Bc2** Threatens to win with Bb3. **65...b4**



66.Bb3 White mates. **66...Kd6 67.Kxh4** KB-KP **67...Ke7 68.Kg5 Kf8 69.Kg6 Ke7 70.h4 Kd6**



71.h5 Kc5 72.h6 Kd4 73.h7 Kc3

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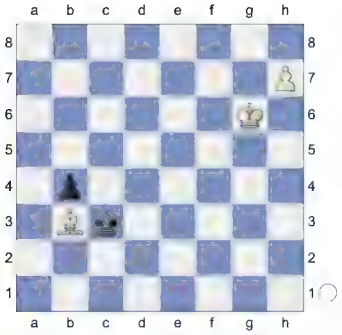

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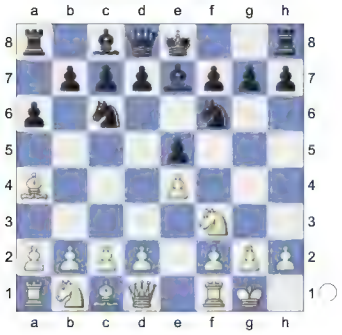
74 **C89**
□ **Ferran1850** **2546**
■ **Marci Chess** **2557**
Blitz 02.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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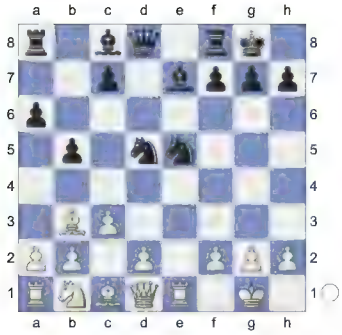
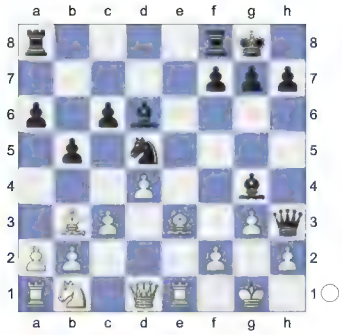
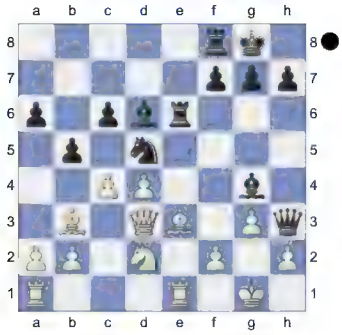


11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d4 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4



16.Qd3 Rae8 17.Nd2 Re6 18.c4? -1.55/20
[18.a4= 0.19/21]



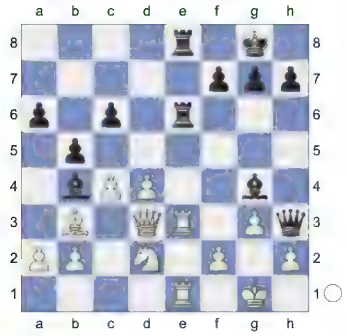
18...Nxe3? 0.56/20
[Black should try 18...Bf4!∓ -1.55/20
Threatens to win with ...Rh6! 19.Qf1
(19.gxf4? Rh6-+; 19.Bd1 Nxe3)
19...Nxe3 20.Qxh3 Bxh3 21.cxb5
(21.gxf4? Rg6+ 22.Kh1 Bg2+ 23.Kg1 Bf3#) 21...Nc2! 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.gxf4 Nxa1 24.Rxa1 Rxf4]
19.Rxe3± Rfe8 1.32/23
[Black should play 19...Rh6± 0.47/20

20.Nf1 c5]

20.Rae1N Hoping for cxb5. White is clearly better.

[20.cxb5 Rxe3 21.fxe3 Bxg3 22.hxg3 Qxg3+ 23.Kh1 Qh3+ 24.Kg1 Rxe3 25.Qf1 Rf3 0-1 (25) Giedraitis,M-Letzelter,J Montreal 1985 ZUS C73 [Nieuwsbrief 4]]

20...Bb4



And now ...Bxd2 would win. **21.cxb5** 0.42/22

[Better is 21.Rxe6!± 1.46/24 fxe6 22.Re3]

21...Bxd2± A strong pair of Bishops.

22.Rxe6 -0.01/22

[22.Qxd2?

Bf3! 23.Rxf3 Rxe1+]

[22.Bxe6± 0.49/23 Bxe3 23.Rxe3 *(23.Bxg4? Bxf2+ 24.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 25.Kf3 Rxe1-+)* 23...fxe6 24.bxc6]

22...Rxe6?? 10.15/23 A mistake that costs the game.

[22...fxe6= -0.01/22 23.Rf1 *(23.Qxd2? Bf3 24.Bxe6+ Rxe6 25.Rxe6 Qg2#)* 23...Ba5 24.bxc6 Bb6]

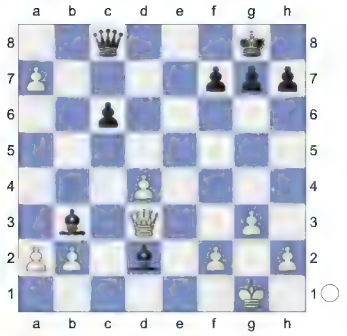
23.Rxe6+-

[23.Qxd2? leads to mate. Bf3 24.Bxe6 Qg2#]

23...Bxe6 24.bxa6

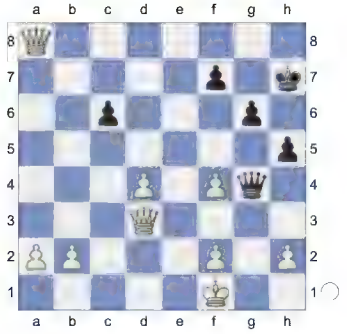
[24.Qxd2 Bxb3 25.Qa5 *(25.axb3 axb5 26.Qf4 Qc8±)* 25...g6 26.axb3 Qf5±]

24...Bxb3 25.a7 Qc8

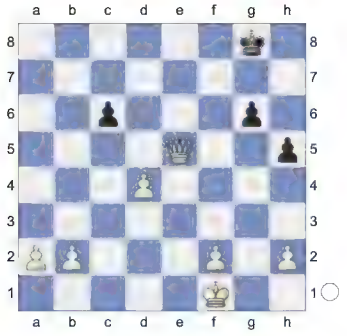


26.Qxb3 Bf4 27.gxf4 KQ-KQ

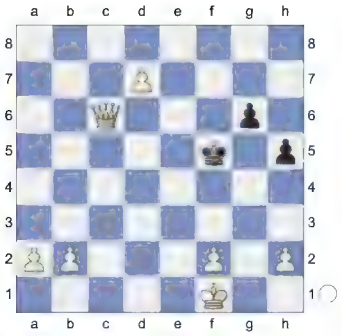
27...Qg4+ 28.Kf1 h5 29.a8Q+ Kh7 30.Qd3+ g6



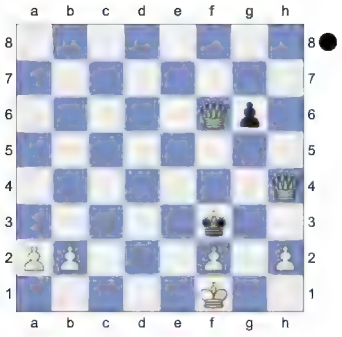
31.Qe8 Kg7 32.Qe5+ Kg8 33.f5 Qg5 34.fxg6 Qxg6 35.Qxg6+ fxg6



36.Qe6+ Kg7 37.Qxc6 Kf7 38.d5 Ke7 39.d6+ Ke6 40.d7+ Kf5



41.d8Q White mates. **41...Kg4 42.Qcf6 h4 43.Qxh4+ Kf3 44.Qdf6#**



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75 **C89**
□ **Inanisbot** **2563**
■ **Arasanx** **3038**
Rapid 01.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Piket,Jeroen; Blatny,Pavel: 'Piket,J; Blatny,P: '56/378 " **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.a4 0.05/17
[10.Nxe5± 0.46/17 Nxe5 11.Rxe5]
10...Be6N
[10...Bb7 11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.d3 *(13.Na3 Bxa3 14.bxa3 Qd6 15.Ng5 Na5 16.Ba2 Nc4 17.Qc2 Nf6 18.d3 Nb6 19.Bb2 Na4 20.Ba1 h6 21.Nxf7 Rxf7 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 23.Qb3+ Bd5 24.Qxb5 Nc5 25.c4 Nxd3 26.c5 Nxc5 27.Bxe5 Qb6* Adamczyk,W-De Jongh,H email 1998 UltraCorr3a [H. de Jongh] ½-½ *)* 13...Bf6 14.Nbd2 *(14.Na3 b4 15.Nc4 Re8 16.Bd2 bxc3 17.bxc3 e4 18.Rxe4 Rxe4 19.dxe4 Nxc3 20.Bxc3 Qxd1+ 21.Bxd1 Bxc3 22.Kf1 Nb4 23.Ncd2 Kf8 24.Ke2 c5 25.Ke3 Ke7 26.Bb3 Bc6 27.Bc4 Nc2+ 28.Kd3 Bxd2* Sodomski,A (2184)-Taylor,T (2313) ICCF Email thematic 2003 UltraCorr3a [Taylor] 0-1 (58) *)* 14...Nf4 15.Ne4 Nxd3 16.Nfg5 Nxe1 17.Qh5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Qd3 19.Nxf7 Qb1 *(19...Nd4 20.Nxe5+ Nxb3 21.Nxd3 Nxd3 22.Be3 c5 23.h4 Be4 24.Qg4 Bf5 25.Qf3 Be6 26.Qe4 Bc4 27.h5 Nbc1 28.h6 Ne2+ 29.Kh2 Nef4 30.g3 Bd5 31.Qe7 Ne6 32.hxg7 Nxg7 33.Qd7 Bc4 34.Bh6* Piket,J (2615)-Blatny,P (2480) Debrecen 1992 EU-chT [Blatny, Pavel] ½-½ (43) *)* 20.h4 Nxg2 21.Kh2 Nxh4 22.Nxe5+ Kh8 23.Nf7+ Kg8

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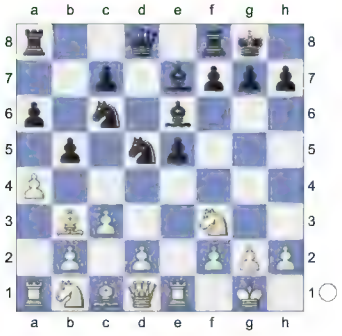
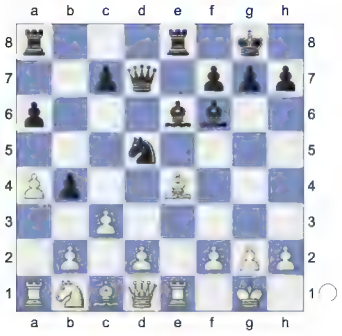
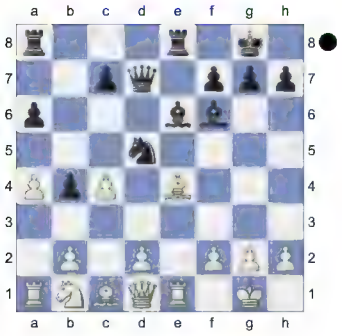


11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Bf6 The position is equal. **13.Re1 Re8** Black wants to play ...Nxc3! **14.Bc2 b4 15.Be4 Qd7**



16.c4 -1.03/19

[16.d4= -0.02/18 keeps the balance.]



16...Bg4!∓ 17.f3 Nf4 &Nero is much more active. The white rooks are badly placed.

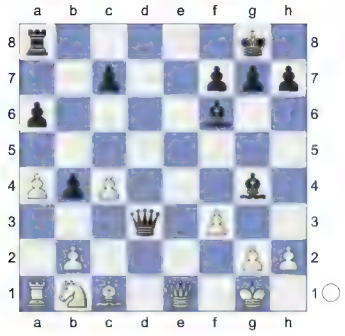
[17...Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Bf2 19.cxd5∓ *(19.fxg4? Bxe1 20.d3 Ne3-+)*]

18.d3 -1.62/20

[Don't blunder 18.fxg4? Qd4+ 19.Re3 Rxe4-+]

[18.Bxa8∓ -0.98/23 was called for. Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1]

18...Nxd3!-+ 19.Bxd3 Hoping for Rxe8+. **19...Rxe1+ 20.Qxe1 Qxd3**



21.fxg4

Bd4+! 22.Kh1

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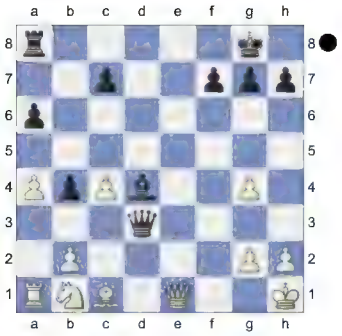
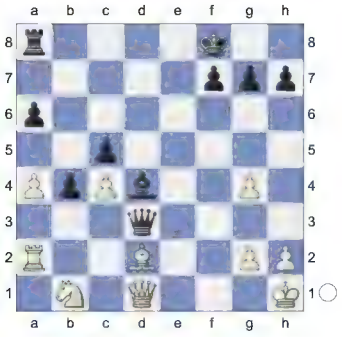
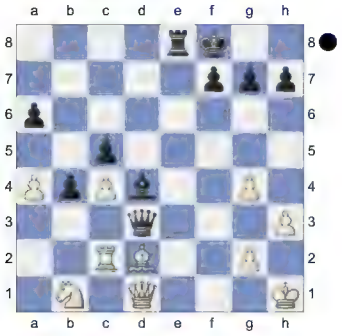


Kf8! 23.Bd2
[23.Qxb4+? c5 24.Qe1 Re8-+]
23...c5→ Black has strong attack.
24.Qd1? -5.57/23 This move loses the game for White.
[Not 24.Bg5? Re8 25.Nd2 *(25.Qc1? Bxb2 26.Qg1 Bd4-+)* 25...Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 f6-+]
[24.Nc3∓ -1.20/22 Re8 25.Qc1]
24...Bxb2 25.Ra2 Bd4



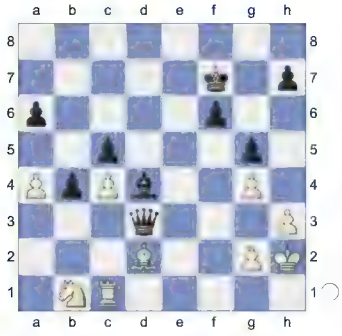
26.h3 Re8 Strongly threatening ...Bf2.
27.Rc2



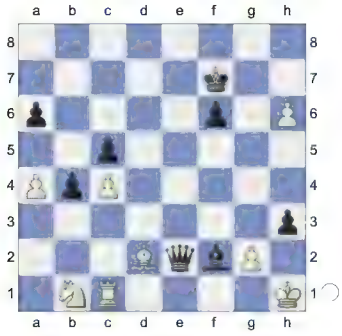
Re3! 28.Kh2 Re2 29.Qf1 Qe4 30.Kh1 Rf2

(Diagram)

31.Rc1 Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Qd3 33.Rd1 g5 And now ...b3 would win. **34.Rc1 f6 35.Kh2 Kf7**

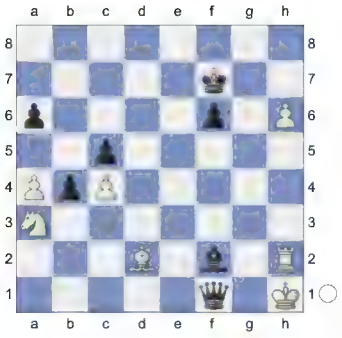


36.Rd1 Bf2 37.Rc1 Qe2 Threatens to win with ...b3. **38.Kh1 h5 39.gxh5 g4 40.h6 gxh3**



(→ ...Qe4) **41.Na3 Qg4** Black mates. **42.Rg1 hxg2+ 43.Rxg2 Qh3+ 44.Rh2 Qf1#**

(Diagram)



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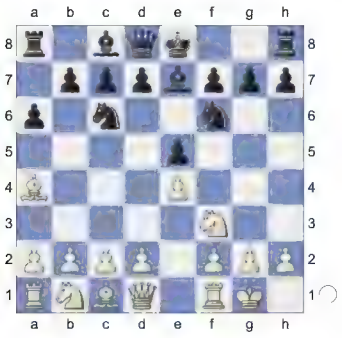
76 **C89**
□ **Weiawaga** **2770**
■ **Projecthuman** **3010**
Rapid 01.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

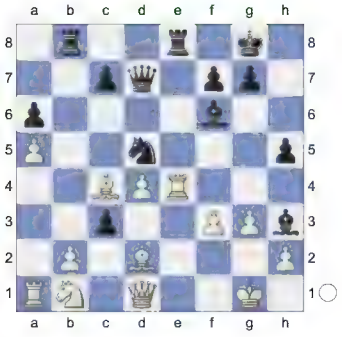
Rapid 15min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Piket,Jeroen; Blatny,Pavel: 'Piket,J; Blatny,P: '56/378 " **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.a4 Threatens to win with axb5.
10...Be6N
[10...Bb7 11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.d3 *(13.Na3 Bxa3 14.bxa3 Qd6 15.Ng5 Na5 16.Ba2 Nc4 17.Qc2 Nf6 18.d3 Nb6 19.Bb2 Na4 20.Ba1 h6 21.Nxf7 Rxf7 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 23.Qb3+ Bd5 24.Qxb5 Nc5 25.c4 Nxd3 26.c5 Nxc5 27.Bxe5 Qb6* Adamczyk,W-De Jongh,H email 1998 UltraCorr3a [H. de Jongh] ½-½ *)* 13...Bf6 14.Nbd2 *(14.Na3 b4 15.Nc4 Re8 16.Bd2 bxc3 17.bxc3 e4 18.Rxe4 Rxe4 19.dxe4 Nxc3 20.Bxc3 Qxd1+ 21.Bxd1 Bxc3 22.Kf1 Nb4 23.Ncd2 Kf8 24.Ke2 c5 25.Ke3 Ke7 26.Bb3 Bc6 27.Bc4 Nc2+ 28.Kd3 Bxd2* Sodomski,A (2184)-Taylor,T (2313) ICCF Email thematic 2003 UltraCorr3a [Taylor] 0-1 (58) *)* 14...Nf4 15.Ne4 Nxd3 16.Nfg5 Nxe1 17.Qh5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Qd3 19.Nxf7 Qb1 *(19...Nd4 20.Nxe5+ Nxb3 21.Nxd3 Nxd3 22.Be3 c5 23.h4 Be4 24.Qg4 Bf5 25.Qf3 Be6 26.Qe4 Bc4 27.h5 Nbc1 28.h6 Ne2+ 29.Kh2 Nef4 30.g3 Bd5 31.Qe7 Ne6 32.hxg7 Nxg7 33.Qd7 Bc4 34.Bh6* Piket,J (2615)-Blatny,P (2480) Debrecen 1992 EU-chT [Blatny, Pavel] ½-½ (43) *)* 20.h4 Nxg2 21.Kh2 Nxh4 22.Nxe5+ Kh8 23.Nf7+ Kg8
The Marshall Declined-D: 9 exd5 Nxd5 10 a4 Fighting the Ruy Lopez [Milos Pavlovic]]

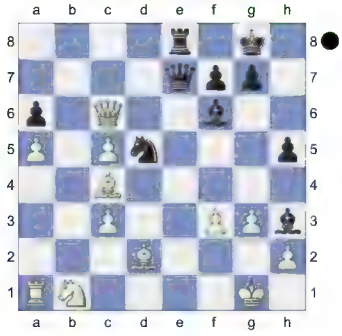
11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Bf6 White has an edge. **13.Re1 Re8** next ...Nxc3! is good for Black. **14.g3 b4!** Black has compensation. **15.d4 Qd7**
(Diagram)

16.Bd2 -0.69/20
[16.Be3 -0.37/19 was preferrable.]
16...Bg4∓ 17.f3 Bh3 18.a5 h5 0x0.001ff98a1ee7dp-1022s more active pieces. The white rooks are badly placed. **19.Re4 Rab8! 20.Bc4** -1.52/19
[White should try 20.Ba4∓ -0.64/18 c6 21.Qe2]
20...bxc3!∓

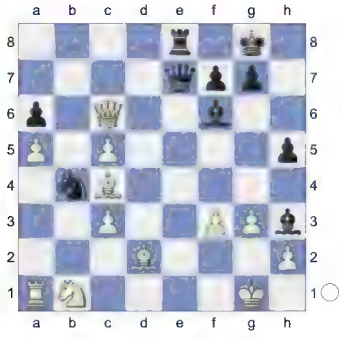


21.bxc3 c5! 22.Rxe8+ -2.04/21
[22.Bxa6? Rxe4 23.fxe4 cxd4!-+]
[22.Qe2∓ -1.41/20 was worth a try. Red8 23.Bxd5 *(23.dxc5? Rb2∓; 23.Bxa6? cxd4 24.Na3 dxc3-+)* 23...Qxd5 24.Bf4 *(24.Qxa6? cxd4 25.Qd3 dxc3-+)*]
22...Rxe8-+ 23.Qa4? -3.72/22
[23.dxc5? Nxc3 24.Nxc3 Qd4+ 25.Kh1 Qf2-+]
[23.Bxa6? cxd4 24.Qa4 Qxa4 25.Rxa4 dxc3 26.Nxc3 Nxc3-+]
[23.Kh1 -1.69/21]
23...Qe6 24.dxc5
[24.Bxd5? Qe2 25.Qxe8+ Qxe8-+]

24...Qe7! 25.Qc6
[25.Bxd5 gets mated. Qxc5+ 26.Kh1 Re2]



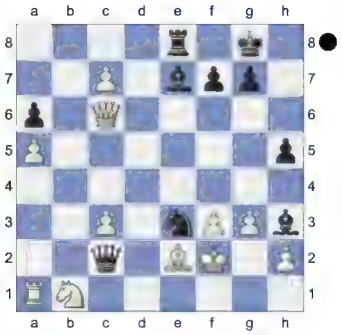
25...Nb4



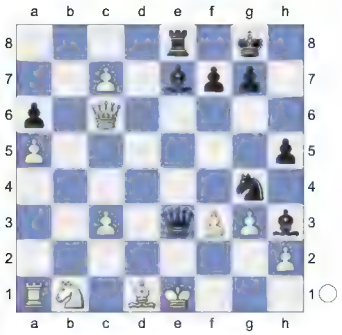
Pin **26.Qd6** aiming for Qxe7. **26...Qb7 27.Kf2 Nc2** ...Be7 is the strong threat. **28.Qb6 Qd7 29.c6 Qf5**
[Not 29...Qe7 30.Ra4 *(30.Ra2? Be6∓)* 30...Be5 31.Bd3-+ *(31.Kg1? Rb8-+)*]
30.c7 Be7

(Diagram)

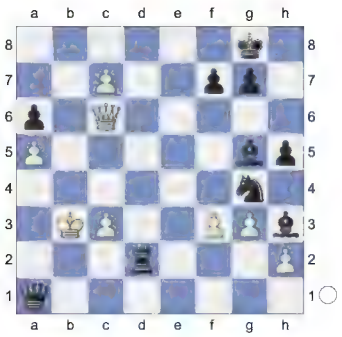
31.Be3 Prevents Bc5. **31...Nxe3 32.Qc6 Qc2+ 33.Be2**



Ng4+! 34.Ke1 Qc1+ 35.Bd1 Qe3+

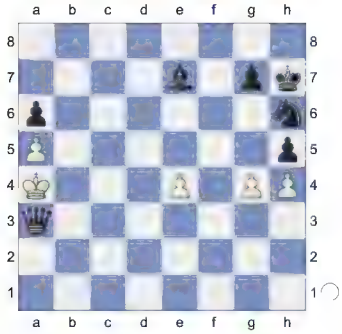


36.Be2 Qg1+ 37.Kd2 Bg5+ 38.Kc2 Rxe2+ 39.Nd2 Rxd2+ 40.Kb3 Qxa1



41.c8Q+ Rd8 (→ ...Qb1+) **42.Qxd8+ Bxd8** This bishop pair is nice. **43.Qe8+ Kh7 44.Qxf7 Nh6 45.Qe8 Bf6**

46.Qe4+ Bf5 Black mates. **47.h4 Bxe4 48.fxe4 Qxc3+ 49.Ka4 Be7 50.g4 Qa3#**

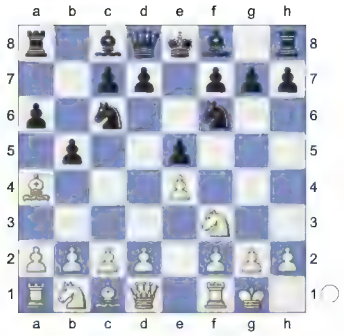


White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

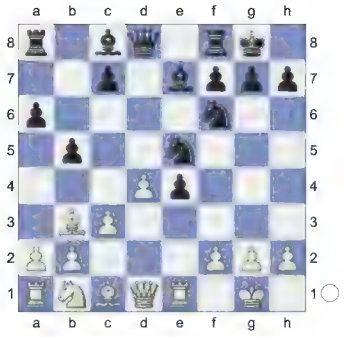
77 **C89**
□ **Cvraman** **2604**
■ **Ragingknightnc** **2522**
Rapid 01.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5

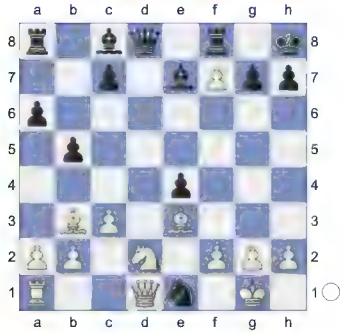
(Diagram)



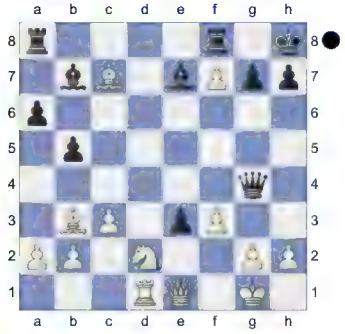
6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 dxe4 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.dxe5 Qxd8 is the strong threat.
11...Nd7N White is slightly better.
[11...Qxd1 12.Bxd1 Nd7 13.Bc2 *(13.Rxe4 Nc5 14.Rd4 Ne6 15.Rd2 Bg5 16.Rc2 Bxc1 17.Rxc1 Nf4 18.Bf3 Rb8 19.Rd1 Ng6* Lesson 24: Spanish Mainline --Marshall Gambit 8... d5 9. d4*)* 13...Nxe5 *(13...Bb7 14.Nd2 Nxe5 15.Nxe4 Rfe8 16.b3 Rad8 17.Bf4 f6* Antipov,M (2520)-14. ♕h6 ♖c3 15.bc3 ♕c7 (2435) Göteborg 2003 Telechess CBM 89 [Anil Kumar Anand] *)* 14.Bxe4 Ra7 *(14...Rb8 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Rxe5 Rd8 19.Kf1 f6 20.Re3 Rd1+ 21.Re1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Bf5 23.Na3 Re8+ 24.Kd2 Rd8+* Lesson 24: Spanish Mainline -- Marshall Gambit 8... d5 9. d4*)* 15.a4 bxa4 16.Rxa4 Bd7 17.Rd4 Bd6 18.Be3 Bc5 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Rh4+ Kg8 21.Bxc5 Nd3 22.Bxf8 Nxe1 23.Ba3 Rb7 24.Rb4 Rxb4 25.Bxb4 Nd3 26.Ba3 Filippov,L (2485)-Stoll,J (2092) Moscow 2023 03 d5 and e6: model game [John Watson] ½-½ (60)]
12.e6 Nc5 0.83/20
[12...fxe6!± 0.37/21 13.Bxe6+ Kh8]
13.exf7+± Kh8 14.Be3 0.06/20 &Bianco is more active.
[14.Qxd8± 0.95/20 Rxd8 15.Bc2]
14...Nd3=
[Resist 14...Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Nxb3 16.axb3±]
15.Nd2↑ White is pushing. **15...Nxe1**

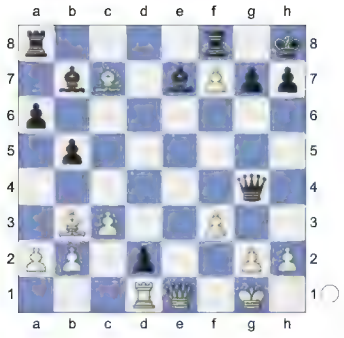


16.Qxe1 Bb7 17.Rd1 Black must now prevent Nxe4! **17...Qc8! 18.Bf4** -0.41/20
[18.f3= 0.01/19 was preferrable.]
18...Qg4 19.Bxc7 -1.31/20
[19.Bg3∓ -0.40/19]
19...e3!∓ 20.f3

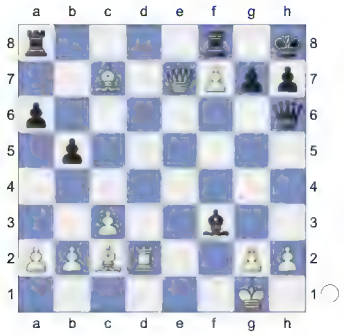


exd2?? 4.30/22

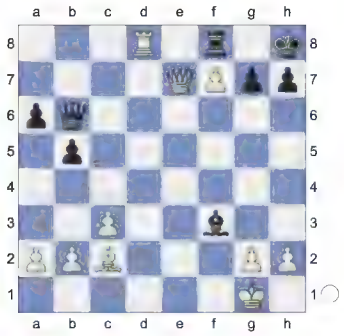
(Diagram)



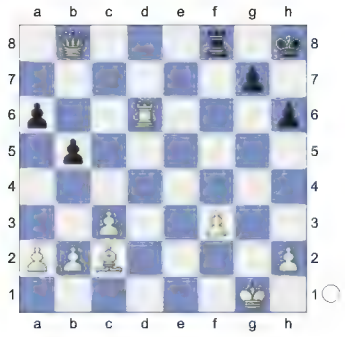
21.Qxe7+-
[21.fxg4? loses. dxe1N 22.Rxe1 Bc5+ 23.Kh1 a5-+]
21...Bxf3 22.Rxd2 Qg6 7.98/21
[⌓22...Qe4 4.30/23 23.Qxe4 Bxe4]
23.Bc2? -0.36/20 This bishop pair is nice.
[23.Bd8+- 7.98/21 Raxd8 24.Qxd8 Qxg2+ 25.Rxg2 Rxd8 26.Rf2]
23...Qh6? #10/20
[23...Qxf7∓ -0.36/20 24.Qxf7 Rxf7]



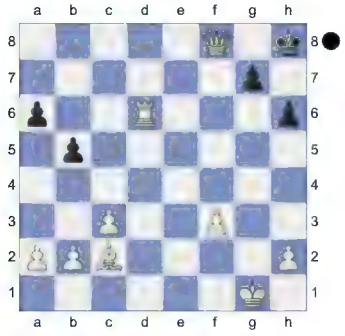
24.Bd8! Raxd8
[24...g6 25.Qe5+]
25.Rxd8 Qb6+



26.Rd4 Qb8 27.gxf3 White mates.
27...h6 28.Rd6 Qa7+ 29.Qxa7 Rxf7 30.Qb8+ Rf8



31.Qxf8#



Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.47
1-0

78 **C89**
□ **Valle Luis,Leo** **2266**
■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2527**
Titled 4. Sep Early (8) 24.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Nd2

[14.Bd2 Qd7 15.Na3 a5 16.Rxe8+ Rxe8 17.Qf1 b4 18.Nc2 c5 19.dxc5 bxc3 20.bxc3 a4 21.Bc4 Qc7 22.Bb5 Rc8 23.Qc4 Be5 24.Re1 Bxh2+ 25.Kh1 Ne7 26.Nb4 Be5 27.c6 Ba8 28.Bg5 Ng6 Yan,T (2277)-Kosteniuk,A (2532) Baku 2023 1-0 (52)]

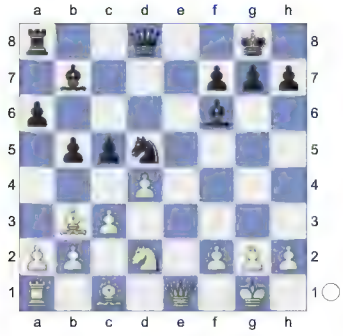
14...Rxe1+N 0.80/22

[14...b4± 0.31/21 15.c4 Nf4 16.d5 Nd3 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bc2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bd4+ 20.Kf1 Qe3 21.Qe1 Qg1+ 22.Ke2 Qxg2+ 23.Kd3 Bf2 24.Qe4 Qxh2 25.Nf3 Qh3 26.Be3 Bxe3 27.Kxe3 c6 28.d6 g6 29.Kf2 Qh5 Schults,O (2565)-Stockfish (2425) Lvov 1994 Gauthier/Openings [Harikrishna,Pentala] 1-0 (33) 30.Qe5 Qxe5 31.Nxe5 c5 32.Rd1 Rd8 33.Ba4 ½-½ (33) De Firmian,N (2575)-Georgiev,K (2620) Yerevan 1996 CBM 055 [Lempert,Igor]]

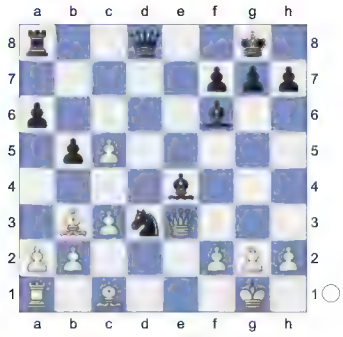
[14...Nf4 15.Nf3 Bxf3 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.gxf3 Bg5 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Qd3 Qe7 20.Qf5 Bd6 21.f4 Re8 22.Bd5 g6 23.Qg4 Kh8 24.a4 bxa4 25.Rxa4 Qe1+ 26.Kg2 Re2 27.Qf3 Rxb2 28.Ba2 Rc2 29.Rxa6 Kaulla,A-Kasatkin,P Jugoslavija 40/260 1998 CT-1892 [Laios,S] 0-1 (31)]

15.Qxe1± c5 1.47/22

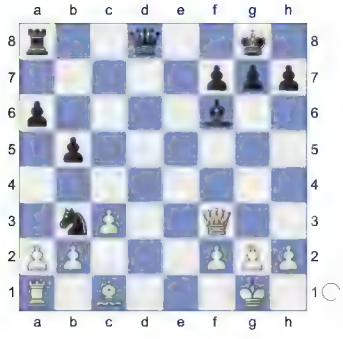
[⌓15...Qd7 0.77/19]



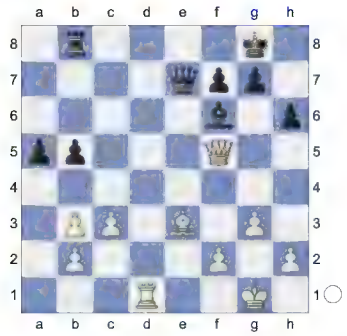
16.dxc5 Nf4 17.Ne4 Nd3 18.Qe3 Hoping for Nd6. **18...Bxe4**



Remove Defender **19.Qxe4 Nxc5 20.Qf3 Nxb3**



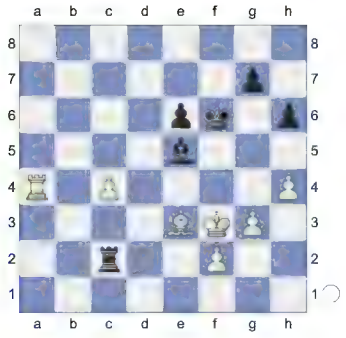
21.axb3 a5 22.Be3 Rc8 1.29/23
Inhibits Qc6.
[⌓22...Qe8 0.92/22]
23.g3 h6 24.Rd1 Qe7 1.77/23
[24...Qe8± 1.21/23 25.Bd4 Rc6 26.Bxf6 Rxf6]
25.Qf5+- Rb8



26.Rd7↑ White is on the roll. **26...Qe6** 2.25/25
[26...Qe8 1.65/24 was necessary. 27.Qd5 a4]
27.Qxe6 fxe6 Endgame KRB-KRB
28.Ra7 a4 29.bxa4 bxa4 30.Rxa4
Threatens to win with Rb4.
[Don't take 30.Bc1?! Bxc3 31.Rxa4 *(31.bxc3 Rb1=)* 31...Bxb2 32.Bxb2 Rxb2=]
30...Rxb2

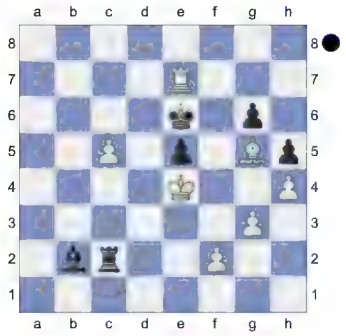
31.c4 Rc2 32.Kg2 Kf7 33.h4
Against Bg5 **33...Be5 34.Kf3 Kf6?** 3.84/24
[34...h5 2.05/24 35.Ke4 Bf6]

(Diagram)



35.c5 h5? 6.54/24
[35...Ke7 2.60/22 36.Ke4 Bf6 37.Ra7+ Kd8]

36.Ke4 Bb2 37.Ra6 2.34/25
[⌓37.Ra2 5.85/24]
37...g6? 5.79/24
[37...Rc4+ 2.34/25 is more resistant. 38.Kd3 Rc3+ 39.Kd2 Rc4]
38.Ra7 2.80/24
[⌓38.Bg5+ 5.79/24 Kf7 39.Ra2]
38...e5? #2/6
[38...Rc4++- 2.80/24 39.Kd3 Rc3+ 40.Kd2 Rc4]
39.Bg5+ Ke6 40.Re7#



Black did not feel at home in the

position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.88
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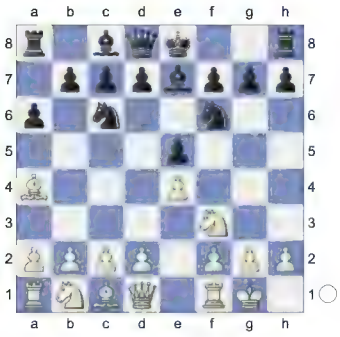
79 **C89**
□ **Shubenkova,Veronika** **2024**
■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2527**
Titled 4. Sep Early (5) 24.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.h3 -0.01/19
[10.Nxe5± 0.35/19 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qf6 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Bf4 Bxf4 17.Qxf4 d4 18.cxd4 Rad8 19.Nc3 Rxd4 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Rxe4 Rxd3 23.a4 Rfd8 24.g3 R3d4 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.axb5 Polgar,J (2705)-Aronian,L (2815) London ENG 2012 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (34)]
10...Bf6=

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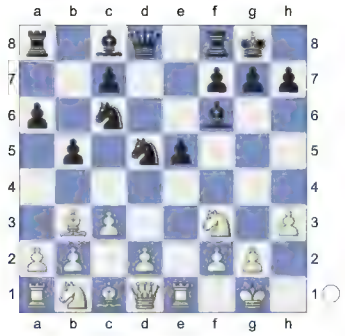
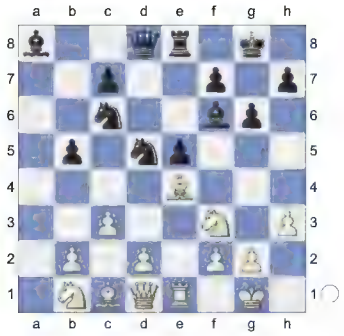
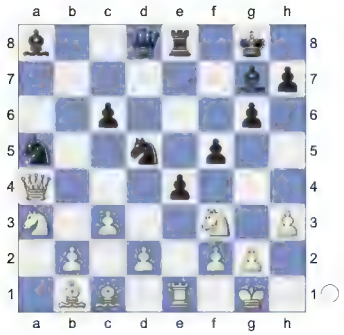


11.Bc2N
[11.a4 Rb8 12.Na3 Be6 13.axb5 axb5 14.Ba2 b4 15.Nc4 b3 16.Bxb3 Rxb3 17.Qxb3 Nb6 18.Qb5 Bxc4 19.Qxc6 Bd5 20.Qc5 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Qd3 22.Qe3 Qf5 23.Qe4 Qd7 24.Ra5 g6 25.Qg4 Qd3 Baroyan,D (1514)-Rakhmanov,G (1806) St Petersburg 2023 ½-½ (49) 26.Rc5 Qd6 27.b4 Bg7 28.d4 Nd7 29.Ra5 exd4 30.Bf4 Qc6 31.cxd4 Nf6 32.Qg2 Qc3 33.Rea1 Qxd4 34.Be3 Qc3 35.Bc5 Re8 36.Ra8 Bf8 37.Bxf8 Rxf8 38.Qg5 Qxf3 39.R8a3 Qxf2+ 40.Kxf2 Ne4+ Barp,A (2252)-Jobava,B (2690) Villorba 2018 [John Emms] 0-1 (49) 41.Kg2 Nxg5 42.Ra8 Ne6 43.Rxf8+ Kxf8 44.Kg3 Ke7 45.Rd1 f5 46.h4 h6 47.Rd5 c6 48.Rd1 Nc7 49.Kf3 ½-½ (49) 4.h4 h5 5.c4 (1514)-E5 Intro (1806) Groningen 2023 Inf 94 [John Watson]]
11...Re8 12.Be4 The position is equal. **12...g6 13.a4** Black must now prevent axb5. **13...Bb7** 0.93/20
[13...b4= -0.11/18]
14.axb5!± axb5 15.Rxa8 Bxa8

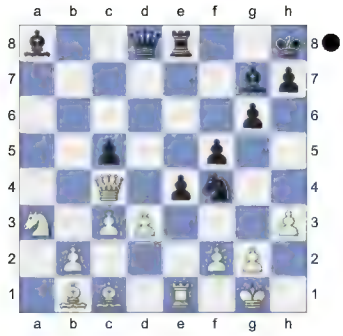
(Diagram)



16.Na3 0.35/21
[⌓16.Qb3 0.66/21 Nb6 17.d3 *(17.Qxb5 Na7±)*]
16...Bg7 0.92/22
[16...Na7± 0.35/21]
17.Qb3 0.41/21
[17.Nxb5± 0.92/22 Strongly threatening Bxd5. Nf6 18.d3]
17...Na5 1.29/24
[17...Nf6!± 0.41/21 18.d3 *(18.Nxb5? Nxe4 19.Rxe4 Na5-+)* 18...b4]
18.Qxb5 c6 19.Qa4 f5 20.Bb1 e4



21.Nd4 0.20/21
[21.Nh2± 1.12/19]
21...c5= 22.Nb3 Nxb3 23.Qxb3 Kh8!
24.Qc4 -0.50/20
[24.Qa4± 0.31/21]
24...Nf4!∓ Hoping for ...Qg5. **25.d3?** -3.08/25
[But not 25.d4? exd3! 26.Rxe8+ Qxe8 27.Bxd3 *(27.Qxf4? Qe1+ 28.Kh2 Be5-+)* 27...Qe1+ 28.Bf1 Qxc1-+]
[25.Re3∓ -0.35/19]

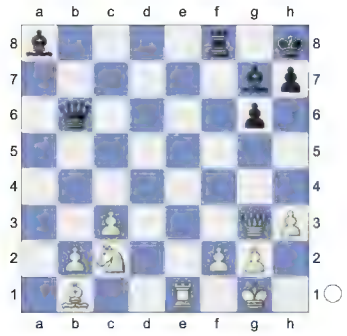


25...Qg5? 1.21/24
[25...Nxg2!-+ -3.08/25 26.Kxg2 exd3+ 27.Kf1 Bg2+! 28.Kxg2 Rxe1 29.Qxd3 Qxd3 30.Bxd3 Rxc1]

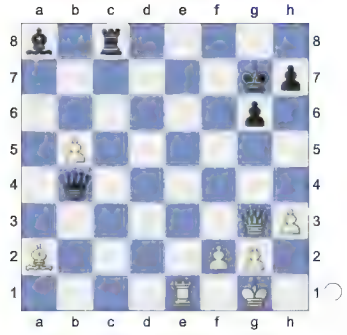
26.Bxf4± **Qxf4** **27.dxe4** **fxe4** **28.Qxc5→** 0.96/25 White goes for the king.
[⌓28.Qb5 1.30/24 Rc8 29.Qe2]
28...Qd2 29.Nc2 e3 30.Rxe3 Qd1+? 2.29/26
[30...Rf8? 31.Re1+-]
[30...Qc1+!± 0.68/24 31.Kh2 Rf8]

31.Kh2!+- **Rf8** **32.Re1** **Qd2** **33.Qe3** **Qd6+** **34.Kg1**

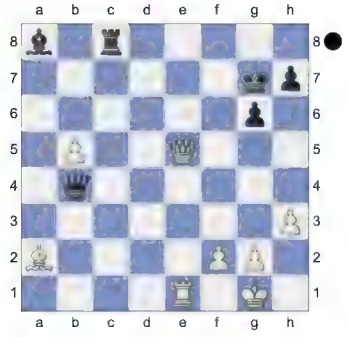
[Resist 34.Qg3 Qb6 35.Nb4 Qxf2]
34...Qc6 35.Qg3 Qb6



36.b4 Rc8 37.Nd4 Bxd4 5.07/23
[⌓37...Bd5 3.32/20 38.Rd1 Re8]
38.cxd4 White is clearly winning.
38...Qxd4 39.b5 Inhibits Bc6. **39...Kg7 40.Ba2 Qb4**



41.Qe5+



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80 **C89**
□ **Manon,Reja Neer** **2417**
■ **Nogerbek,Kazybek** **2519**
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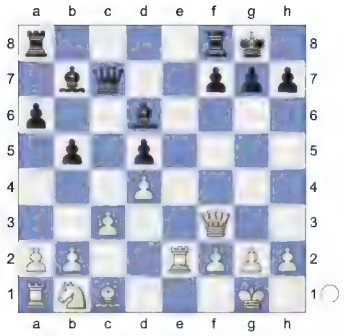
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 11 **e5** 1:35 **2.Nf3** 9 **Nc6** 14 **3.Bb5** 17 **a6** 20 **4.Ba4** 6 **Nf6** 33 **5.0-0** 7 **Be7** 11

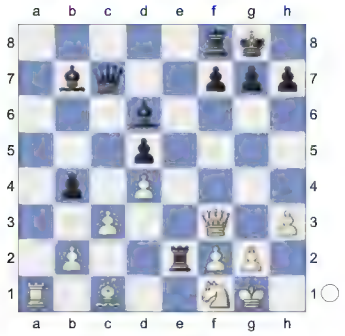
6.Re1 42 **b5** 11 **7.Bb3** 13 **0-0** 16 **8.c3** 4:55 **d5** 1:39 **9.exd5** 57 **Nxd5** 18 **10.Nxe5** 6 **Nxe5** 14

11.Rxe5 5 **Bb7** 20 **12.Qf3** 6:34 **Bd6** 1:08 **13.Bxd5** 10:54 **c6** 4:24 **14.Re2** 5:50 **cxd5** 2:03 **15.d4** 1 **Qc7** 1:22

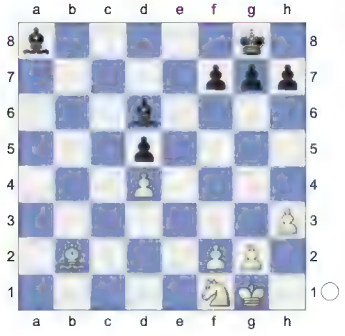
(Diagram)



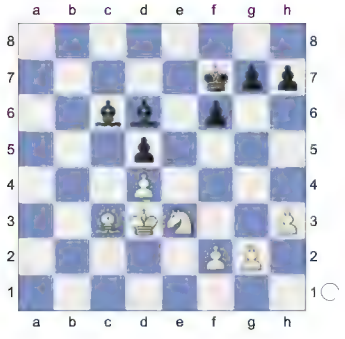
16.h3N 13:14 White is slightly better.
[16.g3 Rae8 17.Be3 *(17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.Be3 b4 19.cxb4 Qc2 20.Nd2 Qxb2 21.Qd1 Bxb4 22.Rb1 Qa3 23.Qb3 Qxb3 24.Rxb3 Bxd2 25.Rxb7 Bxe3 26.fxe3 g6 27.Rb3 Rc8 28.Ra3 Rc2 29.Rxa6 Re2 30.Ra8+ Kg7 31.Re8 Rxa2* ½-½ Galdunts,S (2495)-7. ♘c3 0-0 8. ♗e3 b6_60877 (2677) TOP 16 Guingamp FRA 2010 (3)*; 17.Nd2 b4 18.cxb4 Qc2 19.Re3 Bxb4 20.Nf1 Rxe3 21.Nxe3 Qd3 22.Qd1 Qe4 23.f3 Qe6 24.Qb3 Rc8 25.Kf2 Qb6 26.Bd2 a5 27.Bxb4 axb4 28.Rd1 Qh6 29.h4 Re8 30.Ng2 Ba6 31.Qxb4 Re2+* 1-0 Sokolov,A-Kharitonov,A Vilnius 1984*)* 17...a5 18.Nd2 b4 19.cxb4 Bxb4 20.a3 Bd6 21.Ree1 Re6 22.Rac1 Qb6 23.Qd1 Rfe8 24.Qb3 Bf8 25.Rc3 Qa6 26.Nf3 a4 27.Qc2 f6 28.Rc1 Qb5 29.Ne1 Rb6 30.Nd3 Ree6 ½-½ Kavakul,M (2762)-9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2718) Sants 103/329 2008 31.Nc5 Bxc5 32.dxc5 Ra6 33.b4 axb3 34.Rxb3 Qd7 35.Rcb1 Bc6 36.Qf5 Re8 37.Qxd7 Bxd7 38.h4 Rea8 39.Rb6 Bf5 40.Rxa6 Rxa6 41.Rb8+ Kf7 42.Rb7+ Kg8 ½-½ Kavakul,M (2762)-9.Nd2 a5/ 14. Qc2 Ngf6 15.Bd3 (2718) Sants 103/329 2008]
16...a5 0.54/22 7:04
[16...b4= 0.15/21]
17.a3 0.05/21 17:19
[17.Na3± 0.54/22]
17...Rae8 0.41/23 5:53
[17...h6= 0.05/21]
18.Nd2 2:05 **b4** 2:18 **19.axb4** 4:25 **axb4** 38 **20.Nf1** -0.16/21 1:10
[20.Re3± 0.37/22]
20...Rxe2= 41



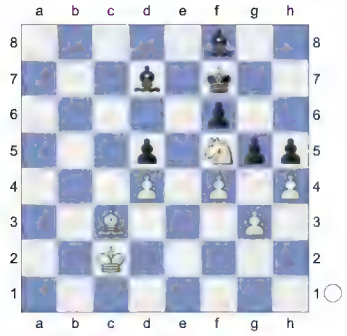
21.Qxe2 7 **bxc3** 13 **22.bxc3** 14 **Qxc3** 13 **23.Qb2** 1:52 **Qxb2** 3:15 **24.Bxb2** 3 **Ra8** 18 **25.Rxa8+** 2:37 **Bxa8** 1:21



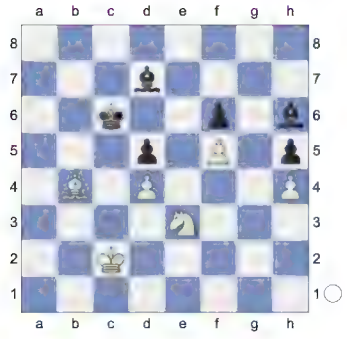
Endgame. KBB-KBN **26.Ne3** 18 **Bc6** 47 **27.Kf1** 57 **Bb4** 1:36 **28.Ke2** 2:20 **f6** 42 **29.Kd3** 6:49 **Kf7** 2:05 **30.Bc3** 1:27 **Bd6** 14



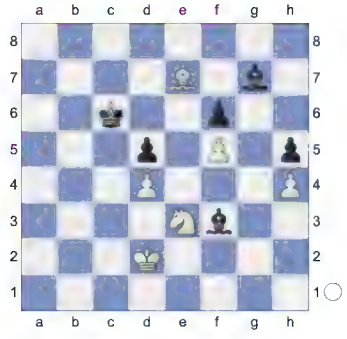
31.g3 1:17 **h5** 3:24 **32.h4** 1:13 **g5** 7:35
33.Nf5 -0.85/24 6:30
[33.Ba5∓ -0.39/22 feels stronger.]
33...Bf8 -0.42/25 26
[33...Bb5+∓ -0.85/24 34.Kd2 Bc7]
34.f4 -0.90/26 4:42
[34.Kd2∓ -0.42/25]
34...Bb5+∓ 3:43 **35.Kc2** 43 **Bd7** 9:27



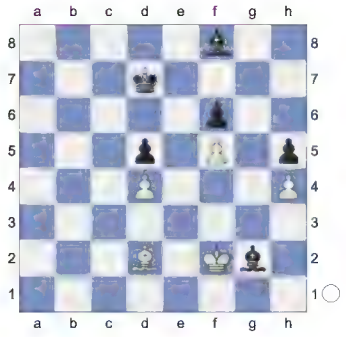
36.Ne3 13 **gxh4** 7 **37.gxh4** 6 **Bh6** 23
38.Be1 3:13 **Ke6** -0.01/30 3:32
[38...Bxf4∓ -0.47/23 39.Nxd5 Bh2]
39.f5+= 2:42 **Kd6** 33 **40.Bb4+** 32 **Kc6** 1



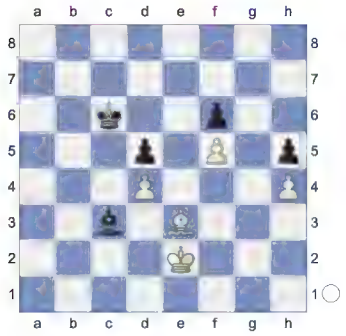
41.Kd3 30:01 **Bc8** 31:05 **42.Be7** 0 **Ba6+** 0 **43.Kd2** 0 **Bg7** 0 **44.Kc3** 0 **Be2** 0 **45.Kd2** 0 **Bf3** 0



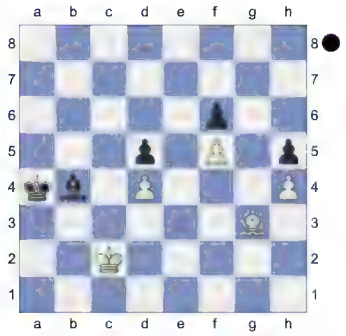
46.Ke1 0 **Kd7** 0 **47.Kf2** 59 **Be4** 0
48.Bb4 5 **Bh6** 0 **49.Bd2!** 1:34 **Bf8** 0
50.Ng2! 1:22 **Bxg2** 0



51.Kxg2 6 KB-KB **51...Be7** 0
[51...Kc6!? 52.Ba5□ Kd7=]
52.Kf3 1:27 **Bd8** 0 **53.Bh6?** -4.84/44 2:33
[53.Bb4= -0.01/38 and White is okay.]
53...Ba5-+ 0 **54.Ke2** 17 Dodges Ba5-e1
54...Bc3 0 Threatens to win with ...Kd7-d6! **55.Be3** 8 **Kc6!** 0



56.Bf2 13 **Kb5** 0 **57.Kd3** 26 **Bb4** 0
58.Bg3 38 **Ka4** 0 White must now prevent ...Ka4-b3. **59.Kc2** 48

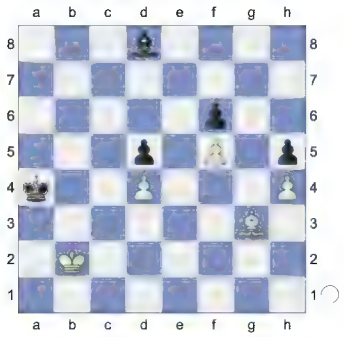


Ba5? -0.01/34 0

[59...Ka3!-+ -6.60/38 Strongly threatening ...Ka3-a4. 60.Bf2 Ba5]

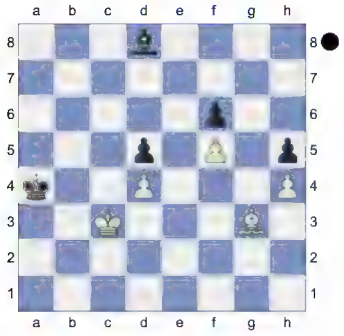
60.Kb2!= 1:15 **Bd8** 0

[60...Kb5!? 61.Kb3□ Bd8=]



61.Kc3 -1.31/40 1:17

[61.Kc2!= -0.01/41]



61...Be7 -0.01/35 14

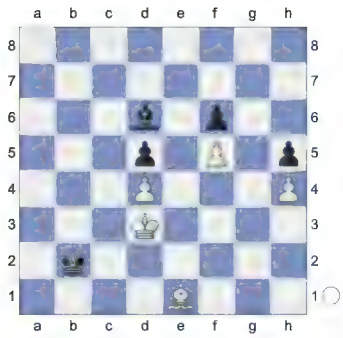
[61...Bb6!∓ -1.31/40 aiming for ...Bb6-a5+. 62.Kd3 Ba5]

62.Bf2? -5.96/40 27

[62.Kd3= -0.01/35 and White stays safe.]

62...Bd6-+ 9 **63.Kc2** 34 **Kb4** 12 **64.Kd3** 13 **Kb3** 2 ...Bd6-c7 would now be deadly. **65.Be1** 43 **Kb2** 42

(Diagram)

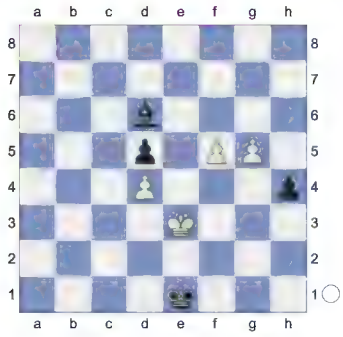


66.Bf2 33 **Kc1** 1:47 **67.Be3+** 18 **Kd1** 4:06 **68.Bg5?** -13.02/28 1

[68.Bh6 -3.78/32 Bg3 69.Ke3 Bxh4 70.Bf4]

68...fxg5 7:28 **69.hxg5** 1 KB-K3P

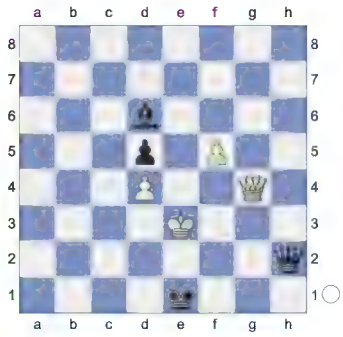
69...h4 7 **70.Ke3** 1:42 **Ke1** 1:21



71.g6 28 **h3** 24 (→ ...h3-h2) **72.g7** 17 **h2** 14 Black mates. **73.g8Q** 42 **h1Q** 1

[Weaker is 73...h1B 74.Qg1#]

74.Qg4 29 **Qh2** 3:10



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81 **C89**
□ **Lama,Himal** **2059**
■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**
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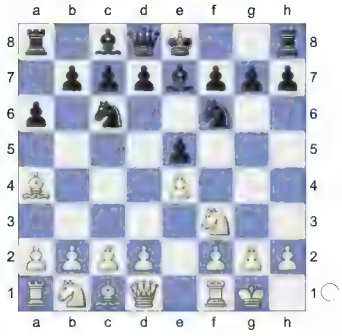
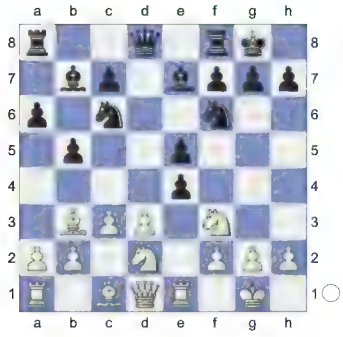
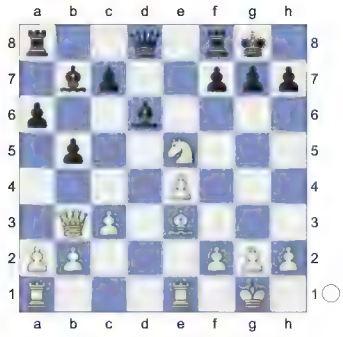
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d3 Bb7N 0.24/18
[9...dxe4 -0.09/18 deserves consideration. 10.dxe4 Qxd1 11.Bxd1 *(11.Rxd1 Bc5 12.Bd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Rd8 14.Be3 Bf8 15.Na3 Ne7 16.Nxe5 Nxd5 17.Nc2 Bf5 18.Nd4 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Be4 20.Kf2 Rd6 21.Ndf3 Rad8 22.Rxd6 Rxd6 23.Ke1 h5 24.Rd1 f6 25.Nd7 Rxd1+* Guerrini,S (2251)-Wirsching,A (2631) Manila 2023 TD 92\01 [John Watson] 0-1 (39)) 11...Rd8 *(11...Bb7 12.Nbd2 Nd7 13.Nb3 a5 14.Be3 a4 15.Nbd2 Rfb8 16.a3 Bc8 17.Bc2 Nc5 18.Rad1 f6 19.Nf1 Be6* The Marshall Declined-D3,B Fighting the Ruy Lopez [Milos Pavlovic]; *11...Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nbd2 Rad8 14.Bc2 Bc5 15.Nh2 Bb6 16.Ndf1 Na5 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Nf3 Rfe8 19.a4 c5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nf5 c4 22.Be3 Bc7 23.g4 Ra8 24.Nd2 Nb7 25.f3 Bxf5 26.gxf5* Zvezdogliad-Koshmak,Y Dnepropetrovsk 1975 EXT 2022 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (64) *)*]
[9...Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nbd2 d4 12.Nf1 Qd7 13.Ng3 Bg6 14.Nh4 Na5 15.Bc2 c5 16.Ngf5 Rfe8 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bg5 Rec8 21.Qd2 Rc6 22.Rec1 Nb7 23.Bb3 Jassa-Nassif,J Syrakus 1975 MAS C89 PB [Blatny,P]]
10.Nbd2= dxe4



11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.dxe4 The position is equal. **12...Na5 13.Nxe5 Nxb3 14.Qxb3 Bc5 15.Be3 Bd6**



16.Rad1 -0.52/20
[But not 16.Bf4? Qf6 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.Bxd6 cxd6-+]
[16.Nf3= 0.16/20]
16...Qh4 17.Nf3 -0.79/21
[17.Bd4∓ -0.41/23]
17...Qxe4∓ 18.h3

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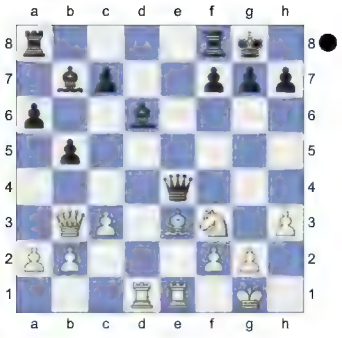
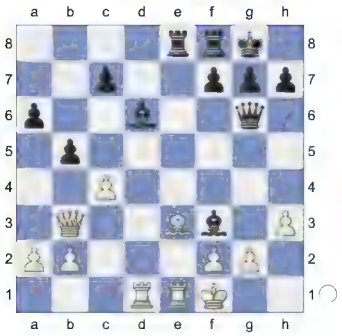
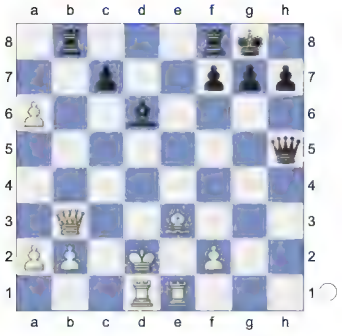


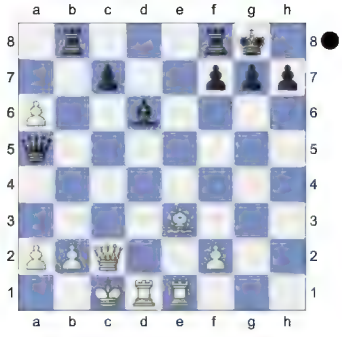
Qg6! 19.Kf1 -1.54/20
[⌓19.Nh4 -1.18/22 Qf6 20.Rd4]
19...Rae8→ Black attacks with force.
20.c4 Bxf3



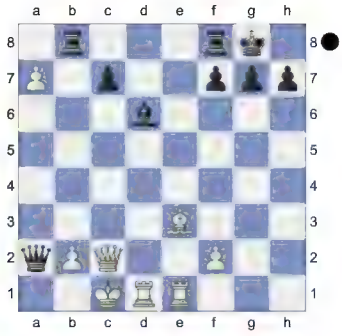
21.gxf3 Qh5 &Nero is more active.
22.cxb5 Qxf3 And now ...axb5 would win. **23.bxa6 Qxh3+ 24.Ke2 Qh5+** -0.95/20
[⌓24...Bf4 -1.38/21 Threatens to win with ...Bxe3. 25.Rd3 Qh5+ 26.Kd2 Bxe3+ 27.fxe3 Qa5+ 28.Rc3 Qxa6]
25.Kd2 -2.11/18
[25.Kf1∓ -0.95/20]
25...Rb8-+



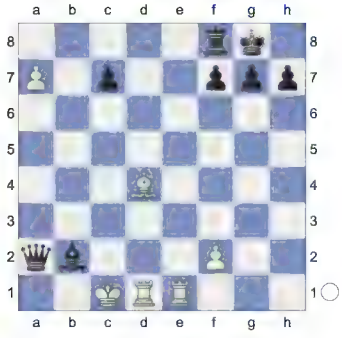
26.Qc2 -3.33/20
[⌓26.Qd3 -2.17/22 Rxb2+ 27.Kc1 Rxa2 28.Rh1]
26...Qa5+ 27.Kc1



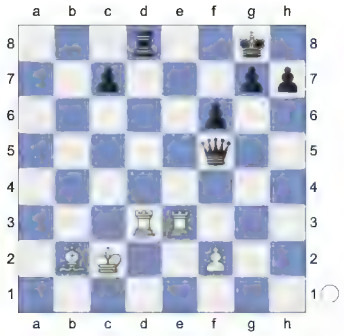
Qxa2 -2.07/21
[⌓27...Rxb2!! -3.47/22 28.Kxb2 *(28.Qxb2? perishes. Ba3-+)* 28...Rb8+ 29.Qb3 Rxb3+ 30.axb3 Qa3+ 31.Kc2 Qa2+ 32.Kc3 Qxa6]
28.a7



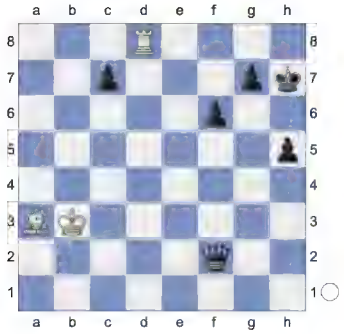
Rxb2 29.Qxb2 Ba3 Pin. Really sharp!
30.Bd4 -7.13/19
[30.Qxa3 -2.56/22 Qxa3+ 31.Kc2 Qa2+ 32.Kc3]
30...Bxb2+



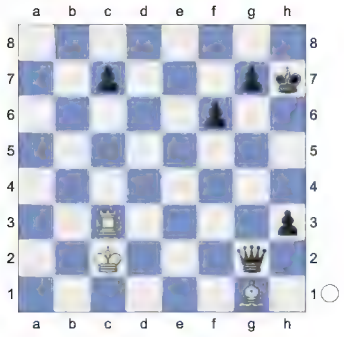
Black is clearly winning. **31.Bxb2 Qxa7 32.Re3 Qc5+ 33.Kb1 Qf5+ 34.Rdd3 Rd8 35.Kc2 f6**



36.Kc3 Rxd3+ 37.Rxd3 Endgame KQ-KRB **37...Qc5+ 38.Kb3 Qxf2 39.Ba3 h5 40.Rd8+ Kh7**



41.Rd3 h4 42.Rc3 Qf5 43.Bc5 h3 44.Bg1 Qd5+ 45.Kc2 Qg2+



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82 **C89**
□ **Hou,Yifan** **2633**
■ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2487**
Julius Baer WSCC 2024 (2.15) 02.09.24
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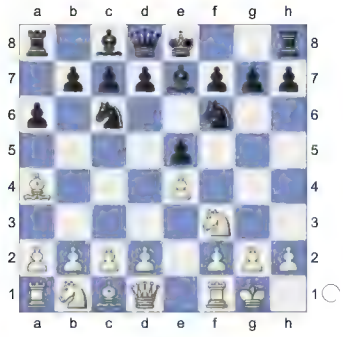
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

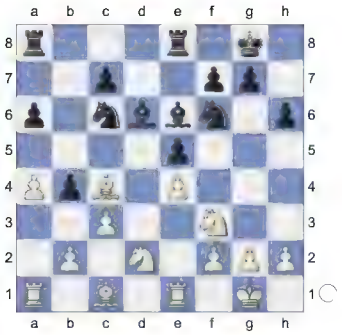


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Qxd1

11.Bxd1 h6 12.a4!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **12...Be6 13.Nbd2 b4N** Black has an edge.

[13...Nd7 14.Be2 b4 15.Bc4 Nc5 16.Bd5 bxc3 17.bxc3 Bxd5 18.exd5 Na5 19.Nxe5 Bf6 20.Ndf3 Rfd8 21.Ba3 Rxd5 22.c4 Nxc4 23.Nxc4 Bxa1 24.Rxa1 Nxa4 25.Bb4 Rb8 26.Be1 Nc5 27.h3 Rbd8 28.Kh2 Kamsky,G (2609)-Gustafsson,J (2604) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (58)]

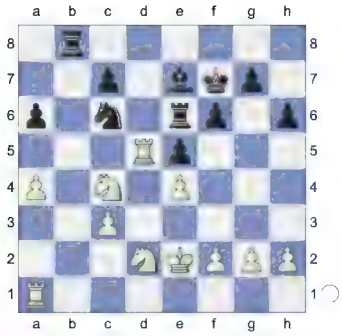
14.Be2 Bd6 15.Bc4 Rfe8N
[Vorgänger: 15...bxc3 16.bxc3 Na5 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Ba3 Rab8 Against Bb4 19.c4 -0.37/20 *(19.Bb4=* 0.01/22 *Bxb4 20.cxb4 Rxb4 21.Rac1)* 19...Bxa3 20.Rxa3 Nd7 21.h3 Rb2 1-0 Hou,Y (2650)-Kosteniuk,A (2510) Speed Chess (Women) blitz 2022 (2.24)]



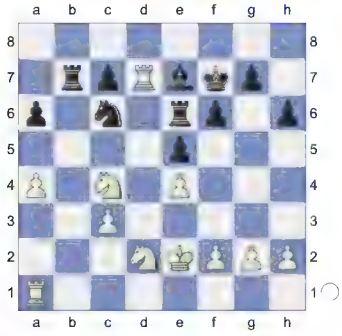
16.Bxe6 Rxe6 17.Nc4 Inhibits Na5.
17...Nd7 0.09/21
[⌓17...Rb8 -0.23/18]
18.Be3= Nc5 0.46/21
[18...Rb8= 0.08/18 feels stronger.]
19.Bxc5± Bxc5 20.Red1 Rb8

21.Rd5 Bd6 0.64/20
[21...Bf8= 0.25/20 deserves consideration.]
22.Nfd2 0.10/19
[22.Rad1± 0.64/20]
22...bxc3 23.bxc3 f6 24.Kf1 Kf7 25.Ke2 Be7

(Diagram)



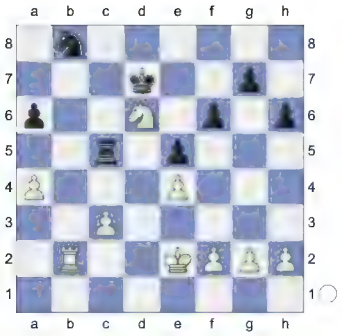
26.Rd7 Rb7 0.90/23
[26...Ke8= 0.23/22 27.Rd5 *(27.Rxc7 Kd8∓)* 27...Nd8]



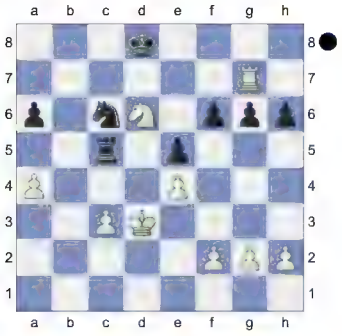
27.Rb1!± White now steadily converts the win. **27...Rxb1 28.Nxb1** Pair of Knights! **28...Ke8 29.Rxc7** &Bianco is more active. **29...Kd8 30.Rb7↑** White is really pushing.
30...Kc8

31.Rb2 Bc5 32.Nbd2 Nb8 33.Nb3 Rc6 1.95/19
[33...Bb6± 1.22/20 34.Nd4 Bxd4]
34.Nxc5+- Rxc5 Endgame KRN-KRN
35.Nd6+ Kd7

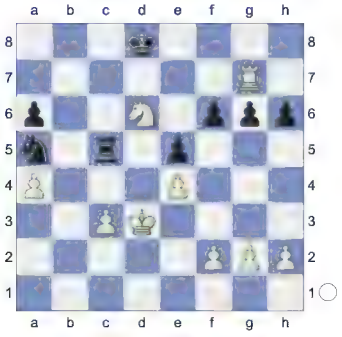
(Diagram)



36.Nf5
[Much less strong is 36.Rxb8?! Kxd6 37.Kd3 Ra5±]
36...Nc6 3.27/22
[36...Kc8 2.02/20 is a better defense. 37.Nxg7 Rxc3]
37.Kd3 g6 38.Rb7+ Kc8 39.Nd6+ Kd8 40.Rg7



Nb7+ is the strong threat. **40...Na5**



41.Rxg6 Kd7 42.Nf5 White is clearly winning. **42...Nb3 43.Rxf6 Nc1+ 44.Kd2 Na2 45.Rd6+ Kc7**

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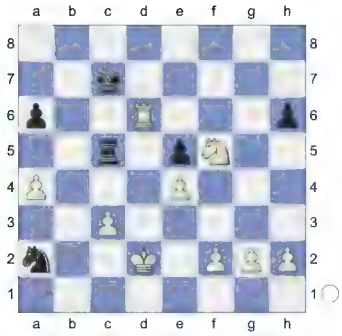
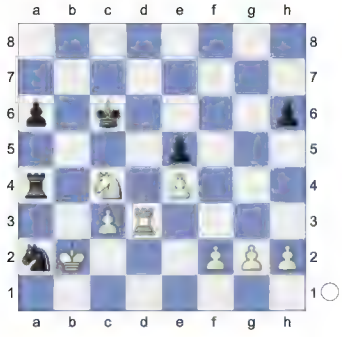
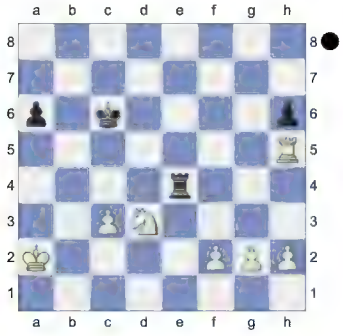


46.Rd3 Ra5 47.Kc2 Rxa4 48.Kb2 Ra5 8.62/22
[⌓48...Rxe4 4.40/20 49.Rd2 Ra4 50.Nxh6 Ra5]
49.Ne3 Kc6 50.Nc4 Ra4



51.Nxe5+ Kc5 52.Rd5+ Kb6 53.Nd3 Rxe4 54.Kxa2 Kc6 55.Rh5



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83 **C89**
□ **Valle Luis,Leo** **2266**
■ **Beerdsen,Thomas** **2509**
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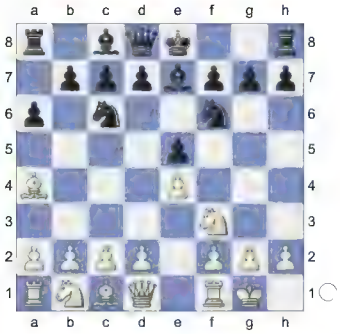

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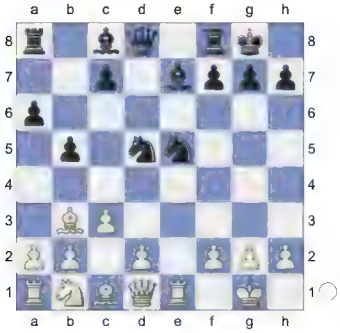
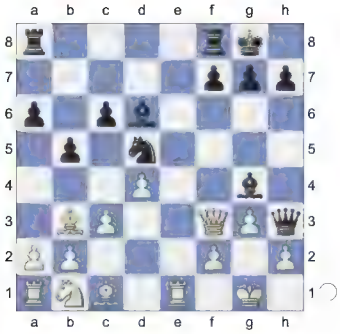
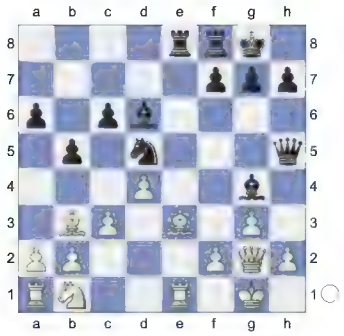


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qf3 Bg4



16.Qg2 Qh5 17.Be3 Rae8
[Much less strong is 17...Bf3 18.Qf1±]

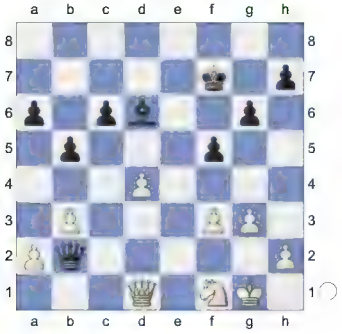


Threatens to win with ...Bf3. **18.Nd2**
Against Bf3 **18...Re6** 0.38/19
[18...Bh3= 0.01/19 19.Qh1 Bc7]
[18...Re7 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Bf4 Bh3 21.Qf3 Bg4 22.Qg2 Bh3 23.Qf3 Bg4 24.Qg2 ½-½ (24) Grischuk,A (2771)-Tomashevsky,E (2699) Russia 2010 CI1-130 [RR]]
19.Nf1N -0.28/21
[19.a4± 0.38/19 Rfe8 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra7 h6 22.Rb7 Bh3 23.Qf3 Bg4 24.Qg2 Bh3 25.Qf3 ½-½ (25) Safarli,E (2638)-Tomashevsky,E (2740) Moscow 2012 [Mikhalevski, V]]
[19.f3 Nxe3 20.Qf2 Nd5 21.fxg4 Qxg4 22.Qf3 Qxf3 23.Nxf3 Rfe8 24.Rxe6 Rxe6 25.Kf2 Rf6 26.Re1 g5 27.Kg2 h6 28.Nd2 Kg7 29.Bxd5 cxd5 30.Nf1 Re6 31.Ne3 Kg6 32.Kf2 Rf6+ 33.Ke2 Re6 Zalkind,K (2445)-Chapter 2,4 (2411) Dortmund 2023 Kramnik: MBM [John Watson] ½-½ (97)]
19...Rfe8
[Much worse is 19...Bf3 20.Bd1 Bxd1 21.Raxd1=]
20.Bd1 Bxd1

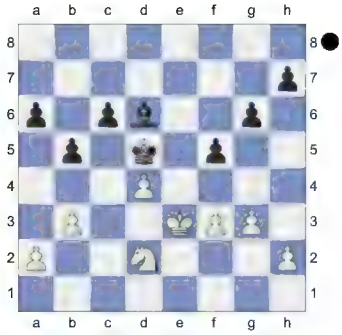
(Diagram)

21.Raxd1 f5 22.Bd2 Rxe1! 23.Rxe1 Rxe1 24.Bxe1 Qd1 25.Bd2 g6

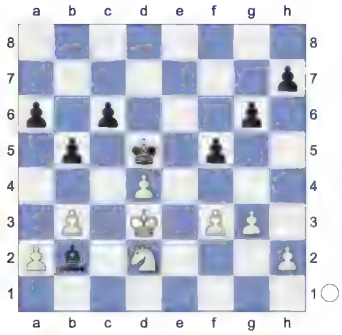
26.f3 Kf7 27.b3 -0.73/23
[27.a3= -0.17/19 remains equal.]
27...Qa1∓ &Nero is much more active. White is on the road to losing. **28.Qe2 Nxc3 29.Bxc3 Qxc3 30.Qd1** -1.38/21
[White should play 30.Qe3 -1.00/21 Qxe3+ 31.Nxe3]
30...Qb2



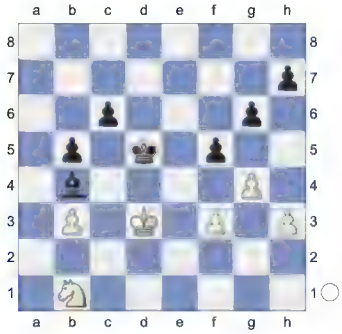
31.Qd2 -1.91/21
[31.Qd3∓ -1.45/19 was called for.]
31...Qxd2-+ 32.Nxd2 Endgame KB-KN
32...Ke6 33.Kf2 -2.51/27
[33.f4 -1.90/27 was worth a try.]
33...Kd5 34.Ke3



Ba3! And now ...Bc1 would win. **35.Kd3 Bb2**

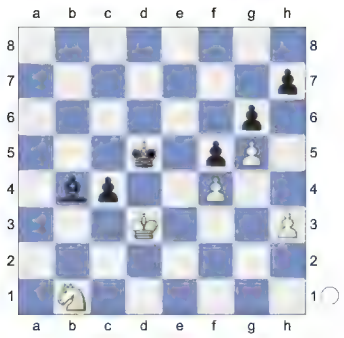


36.h3 Bxd4 37.a4 Bf2 38.g4 -4.52/25
[38.Nf1 -2.27/23 is a better defense.]
38...Be1 39.axb5 -6.27/28
[39.Nb1 -3.91/24 Bb4 40.gxf5]
39...axb5 40.Nb1 Bb4



41.Ke3 Ke5 42.f4+ Kd5 ...c5 is the strong threat. **43.Kd3 c5 44.g5 c4+ 45.bxc4+ bxc4+**

(Diagram)



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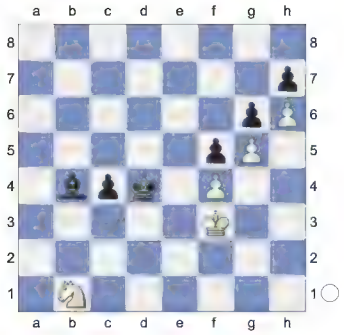
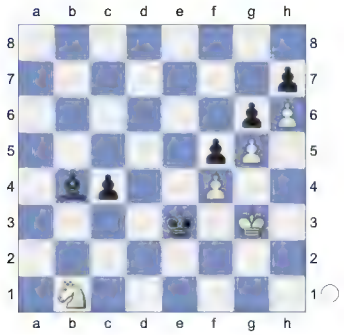


Black mates. **51.Kf2 Ke4 52.Kg3 Ke3**



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84 **C89**
□ **Leelamultiposs** **3274**
■ **Aks Mantissa** **2763**
Blitz 30.08.2024
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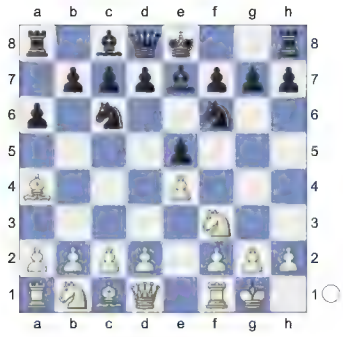
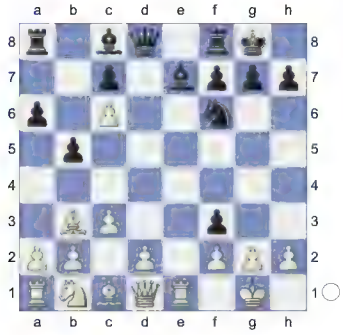


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 e4 0.74/16 **10.dxc6±** Threatens to win with Ne5. **10...exf3**



11.g3!
[11.gxf3?! Bd6 12.d4 Nh5=]
[11.Qxf3 Bg4 12.Qg3 Bd6±]
11...Bg4 12.d4 White is better. **12...Re8 13.Bf4N**
[13.Bg5 h6 *(13...Qd6 14.h3 Bh5 15.Re5 Bg6 16.Qxf3 Ne4 17.Bf4 Qf6 18.Bd5 Nd6 19.Nd2 h6 20.Rae1 Bf5 21.g4 Bc2 22.Qe3 g5 23.Bxg5 Qxg5 24.Rxe7 Qxd5 25.Qxh6 Rxe7 26.Rxe7 Re8 27.Rxe8+ Nxe8 28.h4* Calzolari,G-Zolet,A Italy 1987 1-0 (42)) 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd2 Qd6 16.h3 Bh5 17.Qc2 Bg5 18.Ne4 Qxc6 19.Nxg5 hxg5 20.Qf5 Ruy Lopez-Marshall Steiner Gambit [EA] Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Re8 22.Re5 Rxe5 23.dxe5 Bg6 24.Qxg5 Qe4 25.Qd8+ Kh7 26.Qh4+ Qxh4 27.gxh4 f6 28.exf6

gxf6 29.Bd5 a5 30.b4 axb4 31.cxb4 Bd3 32.Kh2 Bc4 33.Be4+ Kh6 34.a3 1-0 (34) Osnos,V (2741)-Pink,J (2680) a) 2...d5, 2...Nf6 2010 MBM Tarrasch [Read, NIC YB27]]

13...Nd5 1.45/19

[⌓13...Bd6 1.11/18]

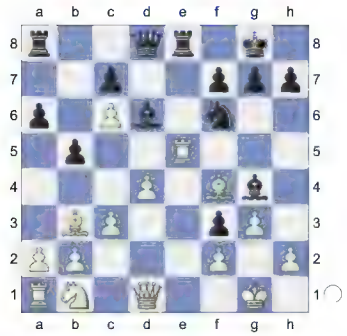
14.Re4 1.09/18

[⌓14.Be5 1.45/19]

14...Nf6 15.Re5 &Bianco is more active.

15...Bd6 1.07/18

[⌓15...h5 1.38/18 16.Nd2 Bd6]



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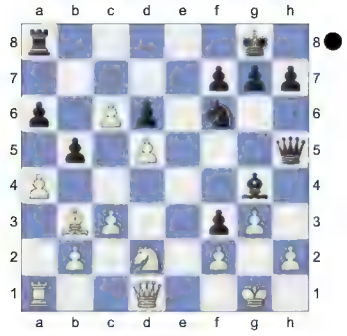
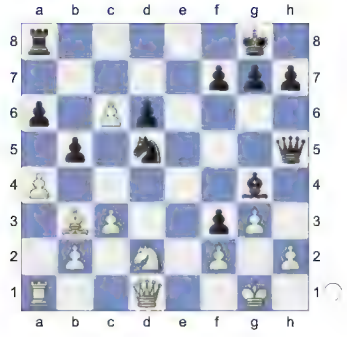


And now axb5 would win. **20...Nxd5**



White must now prevent ...Ne3! **21.h4** aiming for axb5.

[Avoid the trap 21.axb5? Ne3 22.Bxf7+ *(22.fxe3? f2+ 23.Kg2 Qh3+ 24.Kh1 Bxd1-+; 22.Qe1 Qh3 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7)* 22...Kxf7 23.Qb3+ *(23.fxe3 f2+ 24.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 25.Ke1 Qxg3+ 26.Kf1 Qh3+ 27.Kf2 Qh2+ 28.Ke1 Qh4+ 29.Kf1 Qh1+ 30.Kf2 Bxd1-+)* 23...Be6-+]

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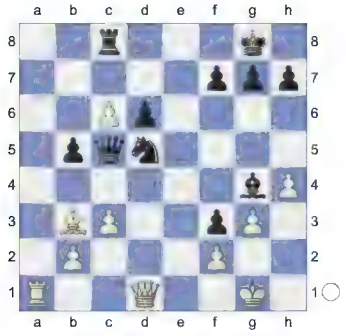
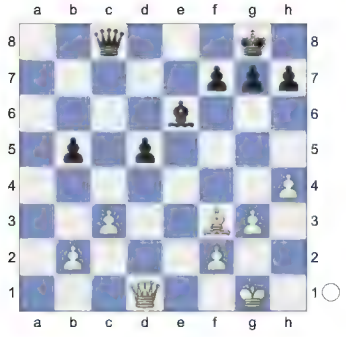


26.Bxd5

[Don't do 26.Qxd5?! Be6 27.Qxc5 dxc5 28.Bxe6 fxe6±]

26...Be6 27.Bxf3 d5 28.Ra6 Rxc6 29.Ra8+ Rc8 30.Rxc8+ Qxc8



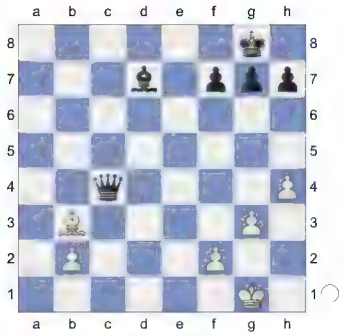
31.Bxd5 Qd8 32.Bb3 Bd7 33.c4 Strongly threatening cxb5. **33...Qc7 34.Qd3 bxc4** 2.38/22

[34...b4 1.88/21 was necessary. 35.c5 Bc6]

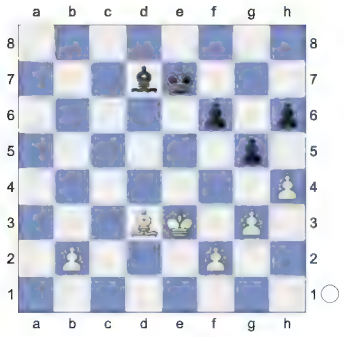
35.Qxc4+-

[Much less strong is 35.Bxc4?! Bc6 36.b4 g6]

35...Qxc4



36.Bxc4 Endgame KB-KB **36...Kf8 37.Kf1 f6 38.Ke2 g5?** 5.05/26
[38...Ke7 2.34/23 was called for. 39.Ke3 h6]
39.Ke3 Ke7 40.Bd3 h6



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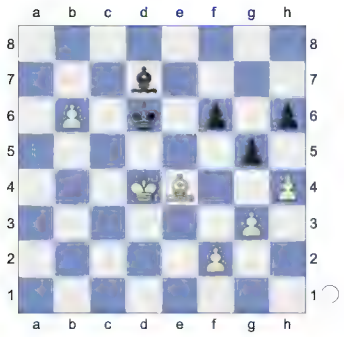

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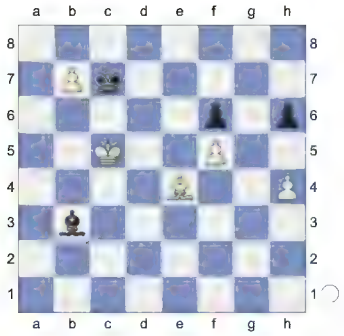
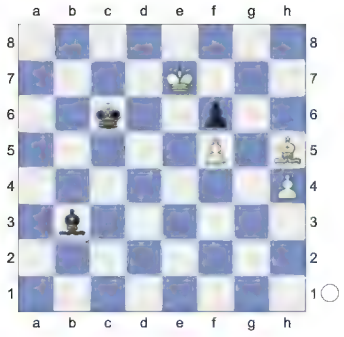
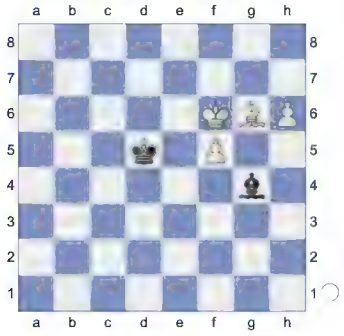


51.b8R Kxb8 52.Kd6 h5 53.Bf3 Kc8 54.Ke7 Kc7 55.Bxh5 Kc6



56.Kxf6 White wants to mate with Kg7. **56...Bd5 57.Bf7 Bf3 58.h5** Intending h6 and mate. **58...Bg4 59.h6** White mates. **59...Kc5 60.Bg6 Kd5**



61.h7 Kd4 62.h8Q Bf3 63.Ke6+ Kd3 64.f6+ Kc4 65.f7 Bd5+

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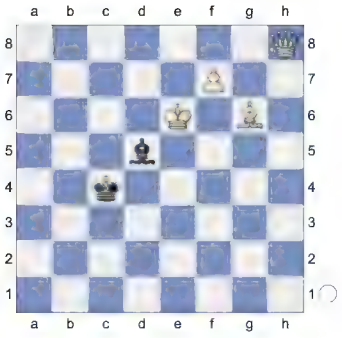
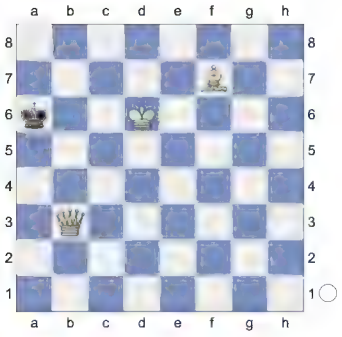
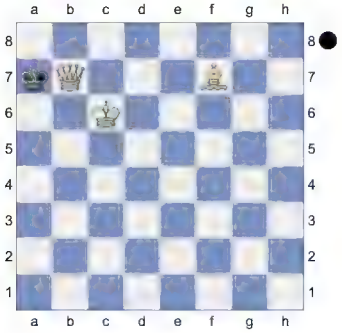


66.Kd6 Bxf7 67.Qc8+ Kb3 68.Qc2+ Kb4 69.Bxf7 Ka5 70.Qb3 Ka6



71.Kc6 Ka7 72.Qb7#



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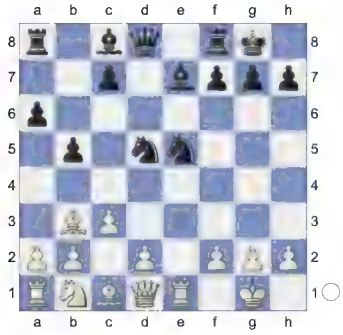
85 **C89**
□ **Agdestein,Simen** **2564**
■ **Novik,Ma** **2411**
Titled 7. Aug Early (8) 27.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

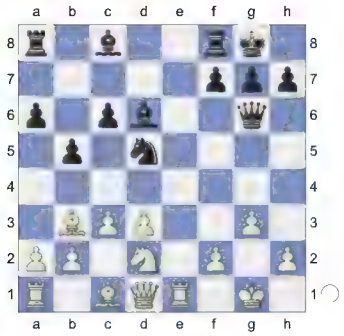
Inf 92/(343) Byrne,R; Mednis,E: 'Inf 36/415' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

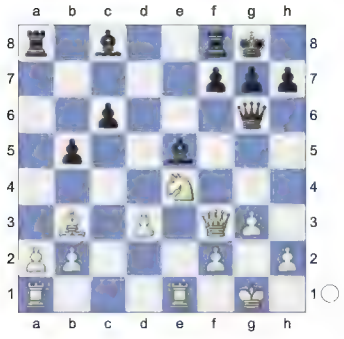


11.Rxe5 c6 12.g3 Bd6 13.Re1! Qd7 14.d3
[14.d4 feels hotter. Qh3 15.Re4 g5 16.Bc2]
14...Qf5
[14...Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6 *(15...Qf5 16.Nd2 Qg6 17.Nf3 Bg4 18.h3 Bxh3 19.Nh4 Qf6 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qg5 Be6 22.Qxf6 Nxf6 23.Re1 Bxb3 24.axb3 a5 25.Nf3 Rfe8 26.Bg5 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Nd7 28.d4* ½-½ (28) Mchedlishvili,M (2561)-Asadli,V (2567) Denizli 2023*)* 16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 g5 18.Rh6 Ng4 19.Ne4 Nxh6 20.Nxd6 Qg6 21.Ne4 Bg4 22.Qd2 Nf5 23.Qxg5 Bf3 24.Qf4 Bxe4 25.dxe4 Ng7 26.Be3 Anand,V (2782)-Shirov,A (2725) Mainz (m/2-rapid) 92/(343) 2004 Cl1-130 [RR]]

15.Nd2 Qg6

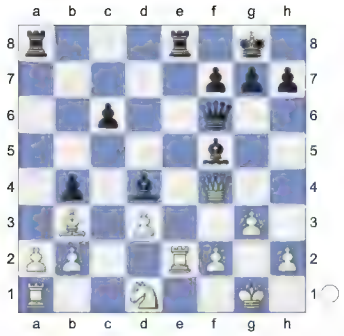


White is slightly better. **16.Ne4 Bc7 17.c4N**
[17.Qf3 Bg4 18.Qg2 Rad8 19.Bg5 f6 20.Be3 f5 21.f4 Kh8 22.Nf2 Bh5 23.Bd4 Rfe8 24.Be5 Bxe5 25.fxe5 Qh6 26.d4 Ne3 27.Qh3 c5 28.Nd3 g5 29.Bf7 cxd4 30.Qxh5 Qc6 31.Rxe3 1-0 (31) Cronhelm,E-Holstein, F Calvia 1983 Telechess CBM 89 [Pribyl,Josef]]
17...Nf4 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Qf3 Be5 20.cxb5 axb5

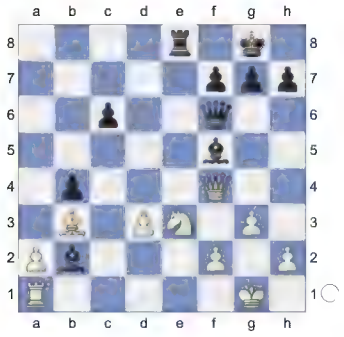


21.Nc3! Bd4 22.Qe4 -0.10/21
[22.Qf4± 0.70/18 Qf6 23.Qxf6 Bxf6 24.Rac1]
22...Qf6= 23.Re2 b4 24.Nd1 Bf5 -0.21/22
[24...Bh3∓ -0.57/19]
25.Qf4 Rfe8
[25...Bxd3? 26.Rd2+-]

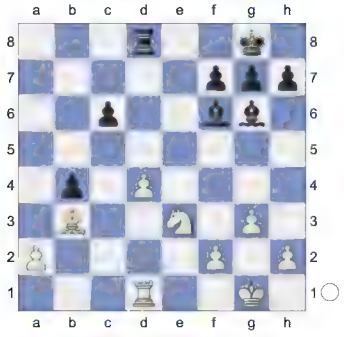
(Diagram)



26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Ne3 Bxb2

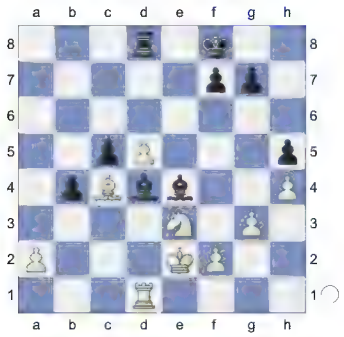


Strongly threatening ...Be5. This bishop pair is nice. **28.Rd1** -0.34/20
[28.Rb1= 0.24/24 Bg6 29.Qxb4]
28...Bg6 0.19/22
[28...Bd7∓ -0.34/20]
29.Qxf6 -0.51/25
[29.Qxb4= 0.19/22 Bd4 30.Qd2]
29...Bxf6∓ 30.d4 Rd8

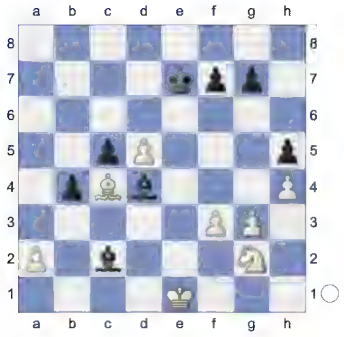


31.d5 c5 32.Kf1 -0.99/21
[32.Nc4!∓ -0.40/20]
32...h5 -0.53/21
[32...Bd4∓ -0.99/21]
33.Ke2 -0.89/20
[33.Ba4∓ -0.53/21]
33...Bd4 34.Bc4 Kf8 35.h4 -1.54/20

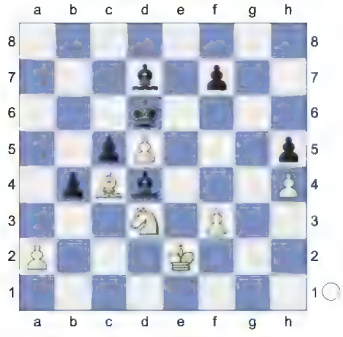
[⌓35.Kf3 -0.92/21]
35...Be4 -0.90/21
[⌓35...Bxe3 -1.54/20 36.Kxe3 Re8+ 37.Kd2 Re4]



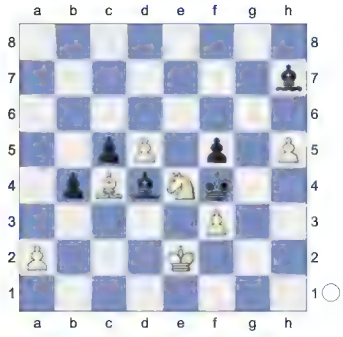
36.f3 -1.54/24
[⌓36.Bb3 -0.90/21]
36...Bg6 37.Ng2 Re8+ 38.Kf1 Bc2 -0.96/25
[Black should try 38...Bf5 -1.28/23 39.Nf4 g6]
39.Re1∓ Rxe1+ 40.Kxe1
Endgame KBB-KBN **40...Ke7**



41.Nf4 g6 42.Ke2 -1.57/24
[⌓42.d6+ -0.96/23 Kxd6 43.Bxf7]
42...Kd6 -1.05/24
[⌓42...Be5 -1.57/24 White must now prevent ...Bxf4. 43.d6+ Bxd6 44.Nd5+ Kf8]
43.Nd3 Ba4 -0.82/23
[⌓43...Bc3 -1.30/24 44.Kf2 Bf6]
44.g4 -1.26/22
[Better is 44.Nc1 -0.82/23]
44...Bd7 -0.50/24
[44...Bc2∓ -1.26/22 aiming for ... Bxd3+. 45.gxh5 gxh5]
45.gxh5!∓ gxh5

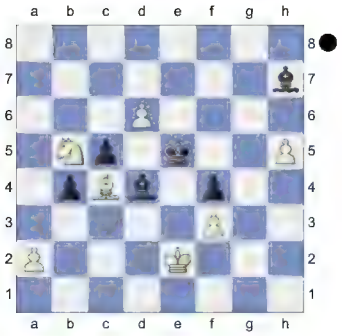


Hoping for ...Bf5. **46.Nf4 Ke5 47.Nxh5 Bf5** 1.06/24
[47...Bg1∓ -0.31/23 stays ahead.]
48.Ng3± Bh7 1.16/25
[⌓48...Bd7 0.78/22]
49.h5 Kf4 2.15/22 Prevents Ne4.
[49...Bb2± 1.32/22]
50.Ne4!+- f5



51.Nd6 Ke5? 7.32/26
[51...Kg5 2.40/22 52.Nf7+ Kxh5]

52.Nb5 f4 12.13/24
[⌓52...Bb2 4.69/23 53.d6 Bc1]
53.d6



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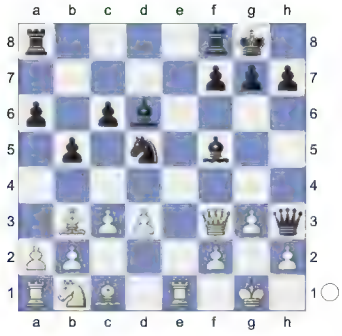
86 **C89**
□ **Qzrchess77** **2552**
■ **Cosinus90** **2620**
Blitz 27.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Before this game, the tournament hadn't been going well for me. I had missed a lot of chances and the previous day I had lost a terrible game to Carlsen. But unless you're stranded in the Indian Ocean, all is not lost! Before this game, the tournament hadn't been going well for me. I had missed a lot of chances and the previous day I had lost a terrible game to Carlsen. But unless you're stranded in the Indian Ocean, all is not lost! **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[Don't play 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



16.Be3 Bg4N White has an edge.
[Much less strong is 16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
[16...Bxd3 17.Nd2 Qf5 18.Bd4 *(18.Qxf5 Bxf5 19.Bd4 Rfd8 20.a4 Bf8 21.Ne4 h6 22.h4 Bg6 23.Rad1 Bh5 24.Rc1 Nb4 25.Re3 Nd5 26.Ree1 Nb4 27.Re3* ½-½ (27) Ivanchuk,V (2751)-Aronian,L (2739)

Nice 2008 CI1-130 [RR])

A) 18...Rfe8 19.a4 h6 (19...Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Rd8 21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Bf8 24.c4 Nb4 25.Bb6 Rb8 26.a5 Nd3 27.cxb5 cxb5 28.Bd5 Nxb2 29.Rf4 Na4 30.Bc7 Rc8 31.Rxf7 Kh8 32.Bb7 Kg8 33.Rf3 1-0 (33) 13. ♕c2 ♘e5 14. ♗e5 (2583)-Auvray,P (2446) Elista 2023 Colle NS [John Watson]) 20.Kg2 Kf8 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Qxf5 Bxf5 24.Bxd5 cxd5 25.Ra6 Be7 26.Nf1 b4 27.Ne3 Bd3 28.Ra5 bxc3 29.bxc3 Bd8 30.Ra8 f6 31.f3 Be7 32.Ra7 Bd6 33.Rd7 Caruana,F (2782)-Aronian,L (2812) Zürich 2014 CBM 159 [Caruana,Fabiano] 1-0 (66);

B) 18...Rae8 19.Kg2 h6 20.a4 Qxf3+ 21.Kxf3 Re6 22.axb5 axb5 23.Kg2 Rfe8 24.Rxe6 Rxe6 25.c4 bxc4 26.Nxc4 Be4+ 27.f3 Bd3 28.Nxd6 Rxd6 29.Kf2 Rd7 30.Ra3 Nc7 31.Be3 Nd5 32.Bc5 f6 33.Ba4 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2731)-Ellithorpe,G (2740) Belfort 2015 CS: Giants of Power Play [Asauskas,H] 1-0 (42);

C) 18...Qxf3 19.Nxf3 Rfe8 20.a4 h6 21.h4 Ruy Lopez Marshall Attack-N,N [GM Mesgen Amanov]]

17.Qg2 Qh5 18.Nd2 Rae8 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Bf4

[20.f3!? Bh3 21.Qf2±]

20...Bxf4

(Diagram)

21.gxf4 Be2 -0.01/17

[21...Re6∓ -0.43/17 22.Re5 Rxe5 23.fxe5 Bh3]

22.Qg5= Qh3 23.Qg3 Qf5 0.46/20

[23...Qh5= 0.01/21]

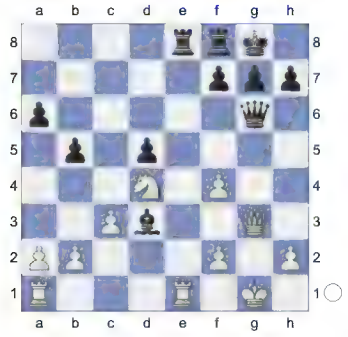
24.Nf3 -0.03/18

[24.Nb3!± 0.46/20]

24...Bxd3 0.42/19

[24...Bxf3= -0.03/18 25.Qxf3 Qf6]

25.Nd4± Qg6



26.Re5 Rxe5 27.fxe5 Be4 28.f3 Bd3 1.34/20

[⌓28...Bf5 0.76/22]

29.Re1 0.41/18

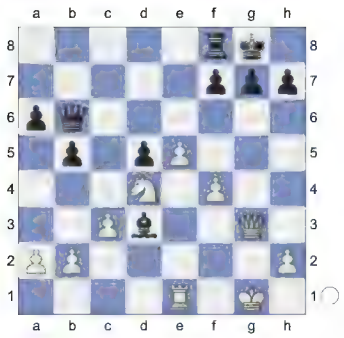
[29.Qxg6± 1.34/20 fxg6 30.Kf2]

29...Qh6 30.f4 0.01/20

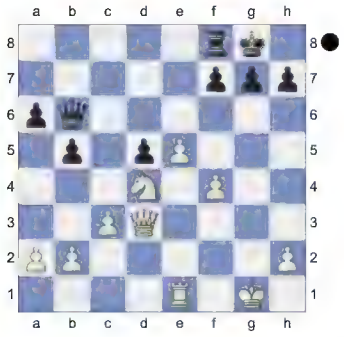
[30.e6± 0.38/19 fxe6 31.Rxe6 (31.Nxe6 Re8=)]

30...Qb6? 4.67/19

(Diagram)



31.Qxd3



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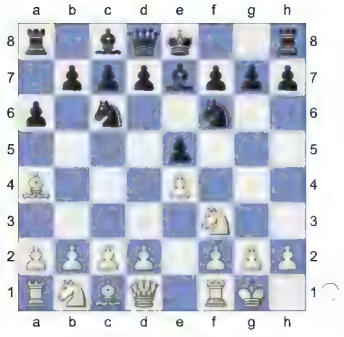
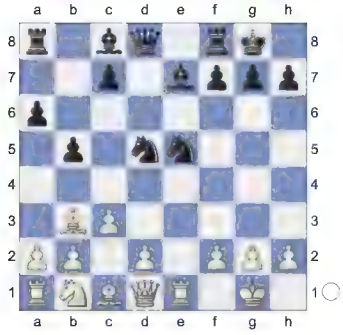
87 **C89**
□ **Odonata** **2828**
■ **Arasanx** **3039**
Rapid 26.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

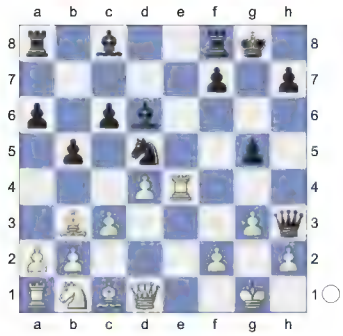
Blitz 10min+3sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

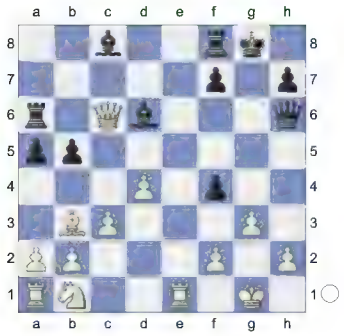


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5

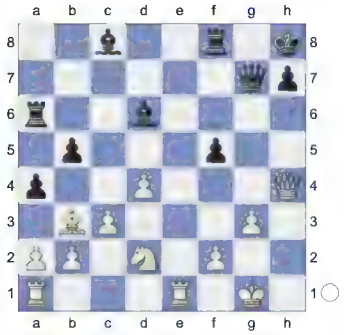


16.Qf1
[16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Re1 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5∓]
16...Qh6 0.64/20
[16...Qh5= 0.23/21]
17.Re1 Nf4
[17...Kh8 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qg2 Bb7 20.Nd2 f5 21.Nf3 f4 22.Bd2 Rae8 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Re1 Re4 25.h4 gxh4 26.Bxf4 Bxf4 27.gxf4 Qxf4 28.Qh3 h5 29.Rxe4 dxe4 30.Nxh4 Qc1+ 31.Kh2 e3 32.Ng2 5.c3 ♗d7 6.d4 ♘ge7 7.♗e (2395)-Ramirez Marin,I (2311) Rostock 2012 CYB 12 [SB 6/78 #199] 1-0 (56)]
18.Bxf4 White is slightly better. **18...gxf4**
19.Qg2 a5N
[19...Bh3 20.Qxc6 *(20.Qf3 Kh8 21.Nd2 Rg8 22.Ne4 Bc7* Qf1-N,N Marshall 15. Re4*)* 20...Rad8 21.Bd5 Kh8 22.Bg2 Bd7 23.Qb6 f5

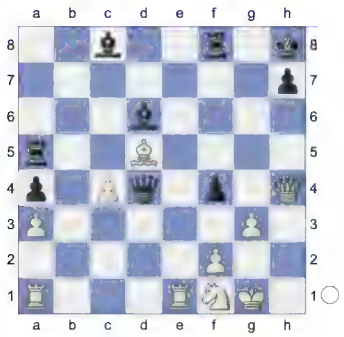
Marshall Re4-16. Qf1 #13]
20.Qxc6 Ra6



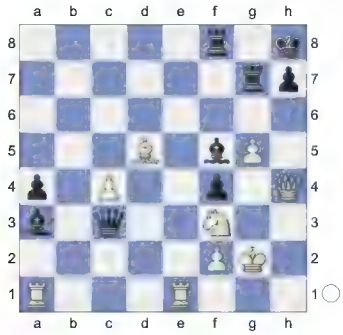
21.Qg2
[Resist 21.Qxb5?! Bc7±]
21...fxg3 22.hxg3
[Much less strong is 22.fxg3 Bf4±]
22...Kh8! 23.Qh2 0.01/21
[23.Na3± 0.94/20 Bd7 24.c4]
23...Qg7 24.Nd2 f5 Prevents Re4.
25.Qh4 a4



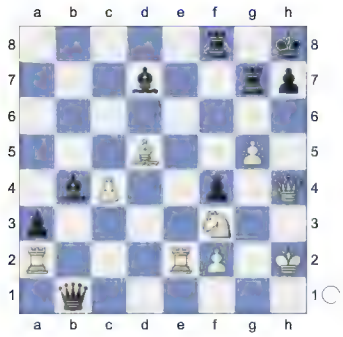
26.Bd5 f4 27.Nf1 b4 Threatens to win with ...fxg3. **28.a3 bxc3 29.bxc3 Ra5→** White needs to defend precisely.
30.c4 And now c5 would win. **30...Qxd4**



31.Nh2 -0.62/20
[31.gxf4= -0.21/19 Ra7 32.Ne3]
31...Ra7 32.g4 Rg7! 33.Nf3 -0.56/20
[33.g5= -0.23/19]
33...Qc3!∓ 34.g5 Bxa3 35.Kg2 Bf5



36.Ra2 Bd7 A strong pair of Bishops.
37.Kh2 White is now going downhill.
37...Bb4 38.Ree2 a3 39.Rac2 Inhibits Qc1. **39...Qa1 40.Ra2** -1.37/22
[40.Qh6!∓ -0.65/21]
40...Qb1∓



41.Be4 Qd1 &Nero is more active.
42.Kg2 -1.88/20
[42.Qh5∓ -1.47/19 is a better defense.]
42...Ba4-+ White must now prevent ... Bb3. Really sharp! **43.c5?** -3.46/23
[43.Qh6∓ -1.57/18]
43...Bb3
[43...Bxc5 44.Rad2 Qb3 45.Bd5∓]
44.Qh6 Qd8
[Stronger than 44...Bxc5 45.Red2 Qc1 46.Qc6 Bxa2 47.Rxa2∓]
45.Ra1 Bxc5

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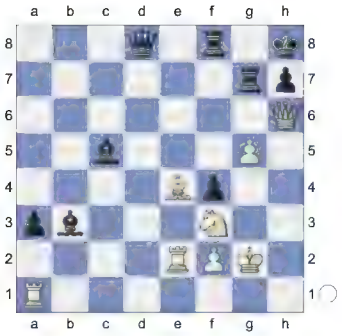
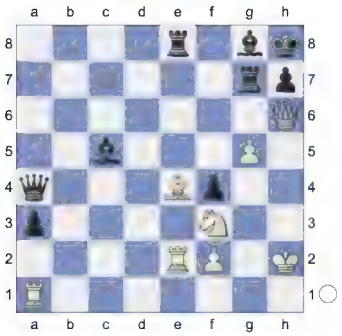
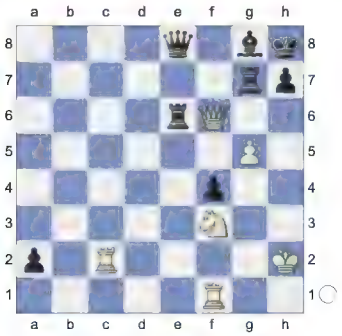


46.Rh1 -2.74/19
[⌓46.Rd2 -1.94/17 Qe7 47.Bd5]
46...Bg8 47.Rd2 Qe7 48.Re2 Qd7 49.Kh2 Qa4 50.Ra1 Re8



51.Rae1 Bxf2 52.Rxf2 Rxe4 53.Ref1 -6.48/21
[⌓53.Ra1 -4.62/20]
53...a2 54.Qf6 Qe8 55.Rc2 Re6



56.Qxf4 Re2+ 57.Rxe2 Qxe2+ 58.Kg1

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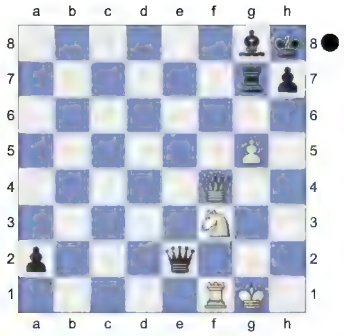
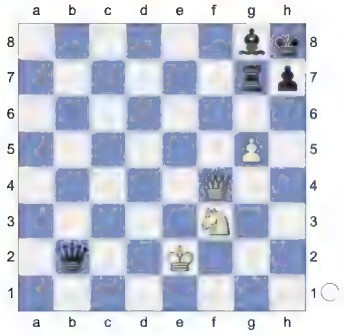
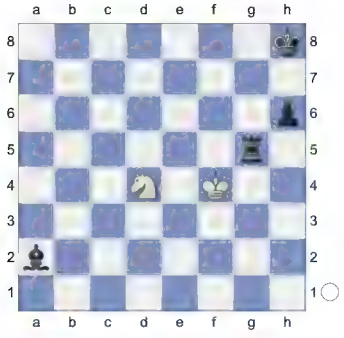


Qxf1+! 59.Kxf1 a1Q+ 60.Ke2 Qb2+

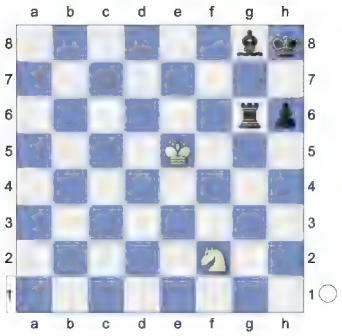


61.Qd2 Qxd2+ 62.Kxd2 Bd5 63.Nd4 Rxg5 Hoping for ...h5. **64.Ke3 Ba2** -12.62/28
[⌓64...h5 -#20/24 65.Ne2 h4 66.Nf4 Rg3+ 67.Kd4 Bb3 68.Kc5 h3 69.Nxh3 Rxh3 70.Kd6 Rh5 71.Kd7 Kg7 72.Kc7 Kf6 73.Kb7 Ba4 74.Ka6 Ke6 75.Ka7 Kd6 76.Kb7 Rb5+ 77.Ka7 Kc7 78.Ka6 Rh5 79.Ka7 Ra5#]
65.Kf4 h6

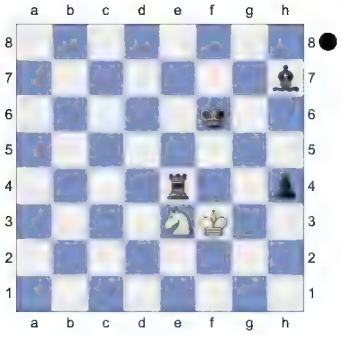


66.Ne2 Rg7 67.Nc3 Bg8 68.Ke5 Rg6 Strongly threatening ...Kh7. **69.Nd1 Be6 70.Nf2 Bg8?** -0.01/22
[Better is 70...Kg7-+ -14.74/26

71.Nd3 h5]



71.Kf5? -13.22/25
[71.Nd1= -0.01/22 h5 72.Kf4]
71...Bh7 (-> ...Rg2+) **72.Kf4 Bg8?** -0.01/27
[72...Rf6+ -#22/25 mates 73.Kg3 Kg7 74.Ng4 Re6 75.Kf4 h5 76.Nh2 Re4+ 77.Kf3 Kf6 78.Nf1 h4 79.Ne3



Rxe3+! 80.Kxe3 Kg5 81.Kf3 Bg8 82.Ke4 Kg4 83.Ke5 h3 84.Kd6 h2 85.Kd7 h1Q 86.Kc7 Qd5 87.Kb6 Qd6+ 88.Kb5 Bb3 89.Ka5 Qb8 90.Ka6 Bc4+ 91.Ka5 Qb5#]
73.Ke4? -13.27/26
[73.Kf5= -0.01/27]
73...Bc4 74.Nh3 Be6 75.Nf4 Rg7

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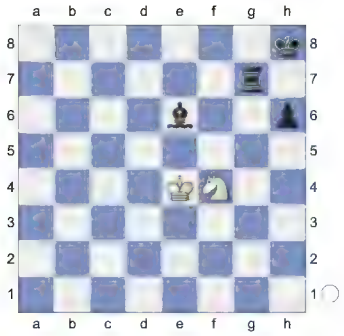
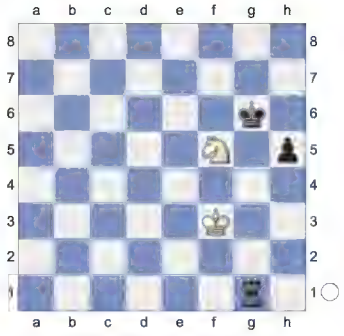
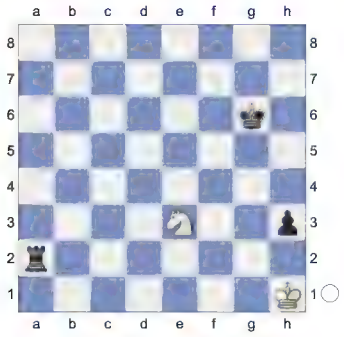


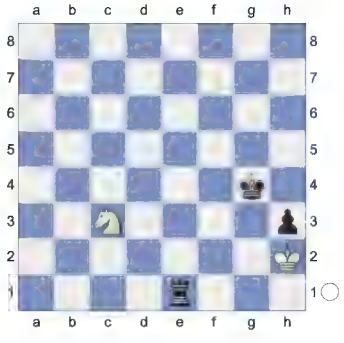
76.Nxe6 Endgame KR-KN **76...Rg3 77.Kf4 Rg1 78.Nd4 h5 79.Nf5 Kh7 80.Kf3 Kg6**



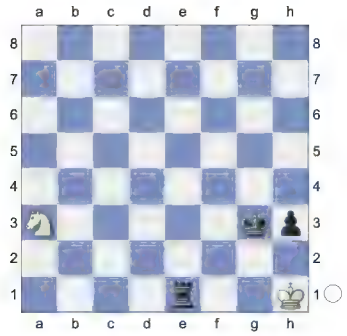
81.Kf2 Rg4 82.Ne3 Ra4 83.Kg3 h4+ 84.Kh2 Ra2+ Black mates. **85.Kh1 h3**



86.Nd5 Kg5 87.Nc3 Ra1+ 88.Kh2 Kg4 89.Ne4 Rf1 90.Nc3 Re1



91.Nb5 Re2+ 92.Kh1 Kg3 93.Na3 Re1#



Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

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□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2545**
■ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2487**
Julius Baer WSCC 2024 (1.13) 23.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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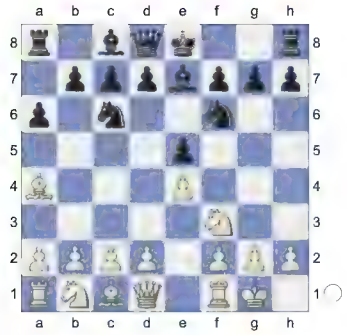
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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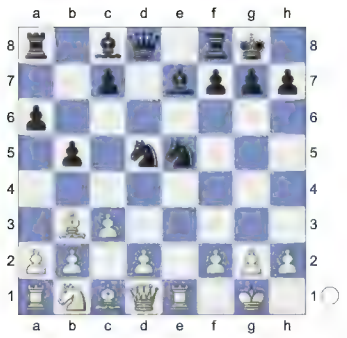

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5!
13...Bf5 scores better than 13...Qh4.
13...Lf5 punktet besser als 13...Dh4.
13...Bf5 scores better than 13...Qh4.
13...Lf5 punktet besser als 13...Dh4.
14.Nd2 Bxd3
[Don't do 14...Qh4 15.g3 Qg5 16.Ne4±]
[14...Nf4 with more complications. 15.Ne4 *(15.Bc2 Bxd3 16.Nf3 Bxc2 17.Qxc2 Qc7 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.g3 Bd6 21.Ng5 g6 22.Nf3 Rfe8 23.Kg2 c5 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Re1 Rxe1 26.Nxe1 Qc6+ 27.f3 c4 28.Qe2 Qd5 29.Qe8+ Kg7* 0-1 Nguyen,M (1623)-Ruth,S (1953) 68/(126) Paks 1996 (2)*)* 15...Nxd3 16.Re3 *(16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Bc2 Qg6 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.Be3* ½-½ (20) Buchicchio,G (2792)-Logan, T (2751) Deutschland 61/576 2007 Inf 66 [FS 12/1979 p311] ½-½ Buchicchio, G (2792)-Logan,T (2751) Deutschland 61/576 1994 (14)*)* 16...Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Bc5]
15.Nf3! Bg6

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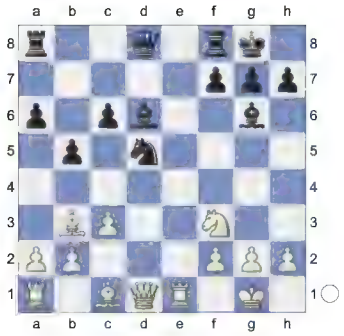
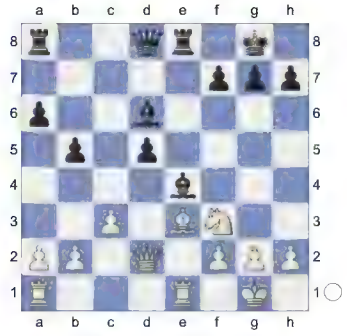


16.Bxd5N -0.01/19
[16.Bg5± 0.31/20
A) 16...Nf6 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 h6 *(18...Qxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Ne4 20.Be3 Rfd8 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.f3 Nf6 23.Re7 Re8 24.Rxe8+ Nxe8 25.Kf2 Nf6 26.Bd4 Nd7 27.a4 Kf8 28.g4 f6 29.h4 Bf7 30.Bc2 h6 31.Kg3 Ke7 32.h5 Kd6 33.f4* Manvelyan,M (2306)-Dudkina,U (2005) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (73) *)* 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rc5 Rd2 22.h4 Rxb2 23.Re1 Bc2 24.Bxc2 Rxc2 25.Rxc6 b4 26.Re4 bxc3 27.Rec4 Rxa2 28.Rxc3 Ra4 29.g3 Kg7 30.Rf3 Rg4 31.Rfxf6 Azarov,S (2556)-Pinter,J (2512) Izmir 2004 LesEchecs [LesEchecs.com] ½-½ (40) ½-½ Azarov,S (2556)-Pinter,J (2512) Coupe d'Europe des Clubs 2004 (6);
B) 16...Qd7 17.Qd2 *(17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 Rfe8 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Qd2 h6 21.Bf4 Rd8 22.Rd1 Bf5 23.Bg3 Bg4 24.f3 Be6 25.c4 bxc4 26.Bxc4 Ne3 27.Qxd7 Bxd7 28.Bc7 Nxd1 29.Bxd8 Be6 30.Bxa6 Bxa2 31.b4 Nc3* Byrne,R-Angantysson,H Reykjavik 1982 CI1-130 [INF 33/468; Revista da Sah 1960] (50) *32.Bb6 Nb5 33.Kf2* Byrne,R-Angantysson,H Reykjavik 33/(468) 1982 *)*]
16...cxd5= 17.Be3N
[Vorgänger: 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bh4 Bf7 19.Bg3 Bc5 20.Nd4 Qd7 Prevents Nf5. Dodges Nd4-f5 21.Qd2 Rfe8 22.f3 a5 23.a3 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 ½-½ Fakhrutdinov,T (2289)-Belyakov, B (2513) Urals-ch 74th 2016 (2) ½-½ Fakhrutdinov,T (2289)-Belyakov, B (2513) Urals-ch 74th 2016 (2)]
17...Re8 18.Qd2 Be4 A strong pair of Bishops.



Strongly threatening ...Be4xf3. This pair of bishops is nice. **19.Nd4 Qh4** 0.12/21
[⌓19...b4 -0.22/17]
20.g3 -0.27/20
[⌓20.h3 0.12/21]
20...Qh3

21.f3 Bg6 22.Qg2 Qd7↑ Black fights for an advantage. **23.Qf2** -0.71/19
[23.Qd2∓ -0.31/18 remains equal.]
23...Rab8 -0.16/19
[Black should try 23...b4∓ -0.71/19]
24.Rad1 -0.49/19
[24.Bf4= -0.16/19 keeps the

balance.]

24...h6 -0.10/19

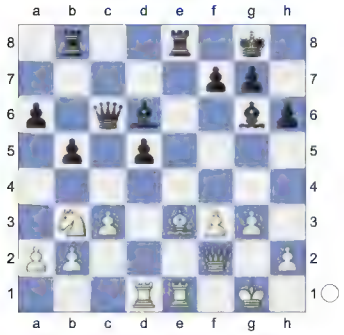
[24...b4∓ -0.74/20]

25.Nb3 -0.89/20

[25.Nc2= -0.10/19]

25...Qc6 -0.12/18

[25...b4∓ -0.51/18]



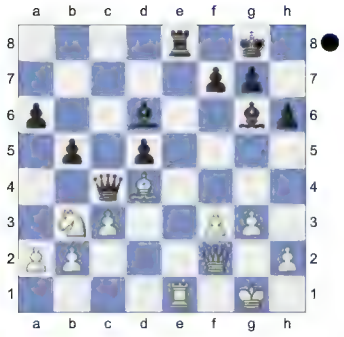
26.Ba7

[26.Nd4!? Qc7 27.Nb3=]

26...Rbc8 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Bd4

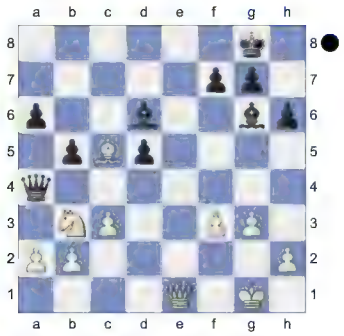
White is weak on the light squares

28...Qc4 29.Re1

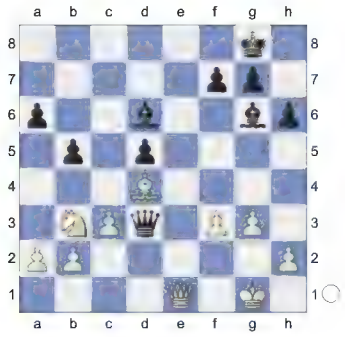


Rxe1+ 30.Qxe1 Qd3 -0.67/22

[30...Qa4∓ -1.01/23 31.Bc5 *(31.Qe8+ Kh7∓)*



31...Qxa2! 32.Bxd6 Qxb3]



31.Be3 Be5 -0.45/21

[Better is 31...b4∓ -0.94/20 32.Kf2 Qc2+ 33.Qd2 Qb1 34.Qxd5 *(34.cxb4 Qh1∓)* 34...bxc3 *(34...Qxb2+ 35.Nd2∓)* 35.bxc3 *(35.Qxd6 cxb2 36.Nd2 Qxa2-+)* 35...Qxa2+ 36.Qd2 Bxg3+ *(36...Qxb3 37.Qxd6 a5 38.c4∓)* 37.hxg3 Qxb3]

32.Kf2 Bf6 -0.01/22

[32...Qc2+∓ -0.57/21 deserves consideration. 33.Qd2 Qb1]

33.Qd2 -0.88/21

[33.Nc5= -0.01/22 Qc2+ 34.Qe2]

[33.Bd4= 0.01/23]

33...Qc4 0.01/21

[33...Qb1∓ -0.88/21 ...Qh1 is the strong threat. 34.Nc1 b4]

34.Bd4= 0.01/20 **Bg5 35.Be3** -0.35/23

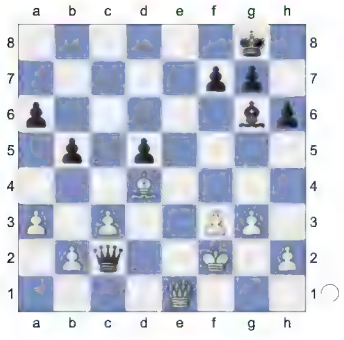
[35.Qe2= 0.29/21 is more appropriate.]

35...Bf6 -0.01/17

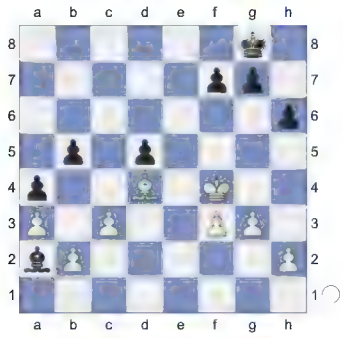
[35...Bxe3+∓ -0.35/23 36.Kxe3 *(36.Qxe3 Qa4∓)* 36...Bb1]

(Diagram)

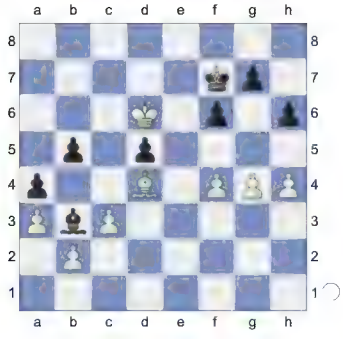
36.Qd1 -0.52/22
[36.Bd4!= -0.01/17]
36...Qa4
[36...b4 keeps more tension. 37.Bd4 bxc3 38.Bxf6 c2]
37.a3 Qc4 -0.01/21
[⌓37...d4∓ -0.46/22 38.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 39.cxd4 b4]
38.Nd4 Bxd4 39.Bxd4 Endgame. KQB-KQB **39...Qd3** 0.51/24
[39...a5= 0.01/22]
40.Qe1 0.01/20
[40.Qxd3± 0.51/24 simplifies Bxd3 41.g4 *(41.Ke3 Bc4 42.Bb6)*]
40...Qc2+
[40...h5 is interesting. 41.h3 f6 42.g4 Kf7]
[40...f6 feels hotter. 41.g4 Kf7 42.Bc5 a5]



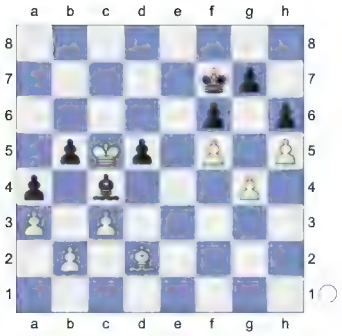
41.Kg1 -1.01/21
[41.Qe2= 0.01/25]
41...Qb1 0.49/20
[41...Qxb2∓ -1.01/21 42.Qe7 *(42.Qe8+ Kh7)* 42...Qc1+ 43.Kg2 Qd2+ 44.Kh3 h5]
42.Qxb1± **Bxb1** Endgame KB-KB
43.Kf2 a5 44.Ke3 0.01/25
[44.b4± 0.40/24]
44...a4= 45.Kf4 Ba2



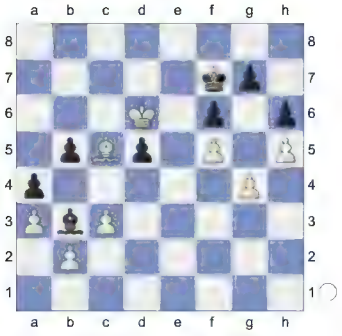
46.Ke5 Bc4 47.Kd6 Kf8 48.f4 f6 49.g4 Kf7 50.h4 Bb3



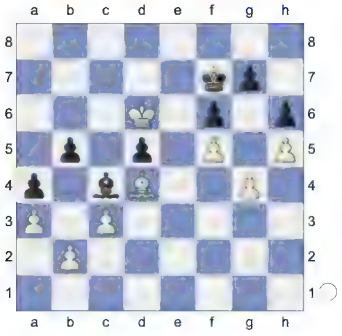
51.h5 -0.50/27
[White should try 51.Be3= 0.08/23]
51...Bc4 0.01/29
[Black should play 51...Bd1∓ -0.50/27]
52.Be3= -0.31/29
[52.f5= 0.01/29]
52...Bb3 0.01/27
[52...Be2∓ -0.31/29]
53.Kc5 Bc4! 54.Bd2 -0.63/26
[54.Kc6= -0.01/27]
54...Ke6!∓ 55.f5+ -2.19/26
[55.Kd4∓ -0.72/25]
[55.g5∓ -0.36/27 might be stronger.]
55...Kf7? 0.01/26
[Better is 55...Ke5-+ -2.19/26 And now ...Be2 would win. 56.Kc6 Ke4 *(56...Be2)*]



56.Bf4 The position is equal. **56...Ke7 57.Bd6+ Kf7 58.Kc6 Ke8 59.Bc5 Kf7 60.Kd6 Bb3**



61.Kd7 Bc4 62.Bd4 Bb3 63.Kd6 -0.89/26
[63.Kc6= 0.01/26]
63...Bc4 0.01/27
[63...Bd1∓ -0.89/26]
64.Kd7 -0.67/24
[64.Bc5= 0.01/27]
64...Bb3 0.24/26
[64...Be2!?∓ -0.67/24 65.Kc6□ Bxg4 66.Kxb5 Bd1=]
65.Kd6 Bc4



66.Kd7

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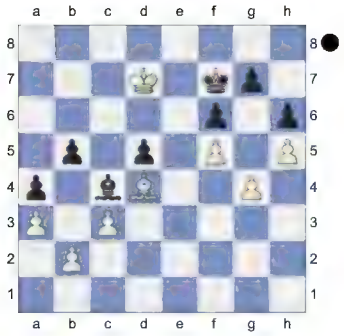

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½-½

89	**C89**
□ **Horobetz,Graham**	**2266**
■ **Durarbayli,Vasif**	**2626**
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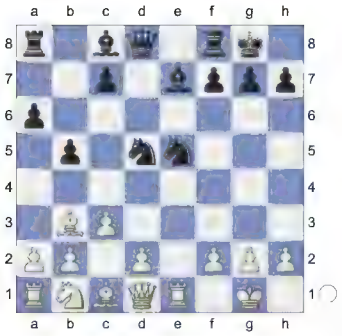
[Kitty Kat]

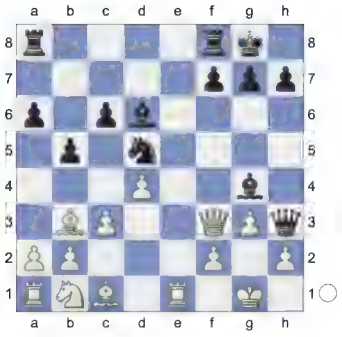
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qf3 Bg4



16.Qg2 Qh5! White must now prevent ... Rae8. **17.Be3 a5**

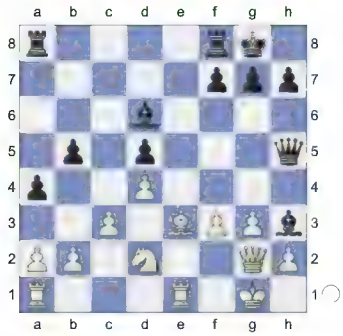
[17...Bf3 18.Qf1±]

[17...Rae8 18.Nd2 Re6 19.a4 *(19.Bd1 Bxd1 20.Raxd1 Rfe8 21.Qf3 Qxf3 22.Nxf3 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Rxe3 24.Rxe3 Rxe3 25.Kf2 Re6 26.d5 Bc5+ 27.Kf1 Rd6 28.b4 Bb6 29.Re1 g6 30.dxc6 Rxc6 31.Rc1 f6 32.Ke2 Re6+ 33.Kd1 Rc6* Hunt,C (1896)-Schiffers,E (2166) Moscow 2023 17 c5, Nf6 and g6: model [John Watson] ½-½ (35) *)* 19...Rfe8 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra7 h6 22.Rb7 Bh3 23.Qf3 Bg4 24.Qg2 Bh3 25.Qf3 ½-½ (25) Safarli,E (2638)-Tomashevsky,E (2740) Moscow 2012 [Mikhalevski, V]]

18.Nd2 Against Bf3 **18...a4 19.Bxd5** The position is equal. **19...cxd5 20.f3N** -0.43/20

[20.Bf4= -0.09/19 should be considered. Bh3 21.Qf3 Qxf3 22.Nxf3 Bxf4 23.gxf4 a3 24.b3 *(24.bxa3 Rfc8 25.Rab1 Ra6 26.Ng5 Rg6 27.Kh1 Bf5 28.Rxb5 h6 29.Rxd5 Bg4 30.h3 Bh5 31.Rc5 Ra8 32.Ra5 Rd8 33.Rd5 Rf8 34.c4 hxg5 35.Rxg5 Bf3+ 36.Kh2 Rd6 37.Re3 Bd1 38.d5 Rc8* Schwanke,E (2282)-Crespo,R (2289) Catania 2017 CYB 12 [Sanchez Almeyra,J] ½-½ (69) *)* 24...Ra6 25.Ne5 Rc8 26.Re3 Bf5 Marshall 15. Qe2. Qd3,Q-15. Qf3 #5]

20...Bh3∓



Black has compensation. **21.Qf2 a3 22.b4 g5** -0.01/19 &Nero is more active.

[Black should try 22...Qg6∓ -0.74/20]

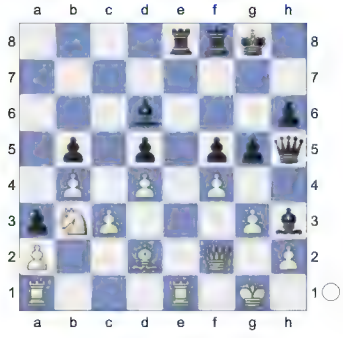
23.Nb3 f5 aiming for ...f4. **24.f4 h6** 0.81/20

[24...Rae8= 0.01/21]

25.Bd2 0.40/19

[25.Nc5± 0.81/20]

25...Rae8

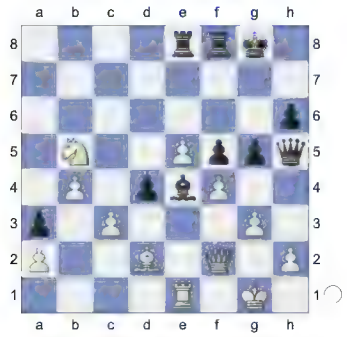


26.Re5! Bg4

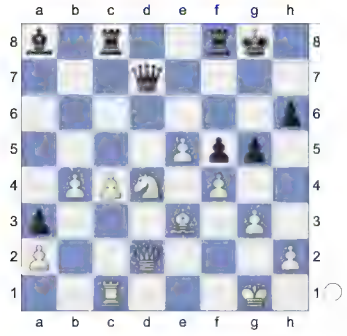
[26...Bxe5 27.dxe5 Rc8 28.Nd4±]

27.Rae1 Inhibits Be2. **27...Bxe5** 1.23/21

[⌓27...Bd1 0.81/19]
28.dxe5± Bf3 29.Nd4 Be4 30.Nxb5 d4 1.46/19
[⌓30...Qh3 0.96/19]

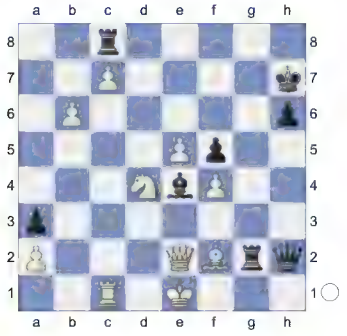


31.Nxd4 Bd5 2.05/19
[31...Qf7± 1.18/19]
32.Be3 Rc8 1.86/17
[32...Qf7± 1.35/17 33.Qd2 *(33.fxg5 Rxe5 34.Rf1 hxg5±)* 33...Bxa2]
33.Rc1 0.72/19
[33.Nb5+- 1.86/17 is more deadly.]
33...Qe8 1.70/17
[33...gxf4± 0.72/19 34.Qxf4 *(34.Bxf4 Rxc3 35.Rxc3 Qd1+ 36.Qf1 Qxd4+ 37.Re3 Rc8=)* 34...Qh3]
34.Qd2
[34.fxg5 Qxe5 35.Qf4 *(35.gxh6 Qe4∓)* 35...Qe4 36.Qxe4 fxe4=]
34...Ba8 35.c4 1.30/19
[35.fxg5 Qxe5 36.gxh6 Qe4=]
[35.Qe2+- 1.73/20]
35...Qd7



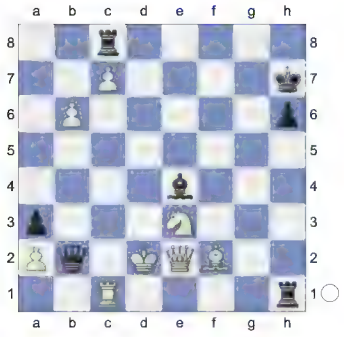
36.b5 0.01/20
[36.fxg5?! hxg5 37.Bxg5 Qb7=]
[36.c5± 1.14/18]
36...Rfd8? 2.75/19
[36...gxf4!= 0.01/20 37.gxf4 *(37.Bxf4 Rfd8=)* 37...Kh7]
37.c5+-
[37.fxg5 Qb7±]
37...gxf4 38.gxf4 c6 is the strong threat.
[38.c6? fxe3! 39.cxd7 exd2-+]
38...Qg7+ 39.Kf1 Be4 40.c6 Qg4

41.Qe2 Qh3+ 42.Ke1! Strongly threatening c7. **42...Kh7 43.c7 Rg8 44.b6** Threatens to win with Bf2.
44...Rg2 1.88/19
[44...Qh4+± 1.53/20 was worth a try. 45.Bf2 Qxf4]
45.Bf2 Hoping for Qb5. **45...Qxh2**

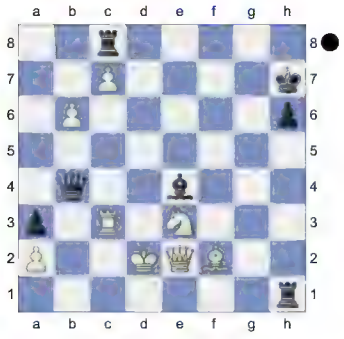


46.Nxf5?? -1.61/17 **Qxf4??** 4.85/20 Chess con chili.
[46...Bxf5-+ -1.61/17 and all is fine. 47.Rc3 Rg1+! 48.Bxg1 Qxg1+ 49.Qf1 Qxb6]
47.Ne3? 1.53/18
[47.Rc4+- 4.85/20 is the precise move to win. Rxf2 48.Qxf2 Qxe5 49.Qe3 Qa5+ 50.Ke2 Bxf5 51.Qe7+

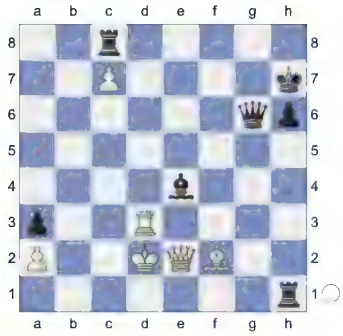
(51.b7 Qd5=) 51...Kg8 52.b7]
47...Rh2± 48.Kd2?? -17.01/21 Qxe5? -1.70/20
[Inferior is 48...Qxf2 49.Qxf2 Rxf2+ 50.Kc3=]
[48...Rxf2 -17.01/21 49.Re1 Qxe5]
49.Ke1 -8.40/24
[49.Rc4 -1.70/20]
49...Rh1+ 50.Kd2 Qb2+ -8.22/5
[⌓50...Qd4+ -#2/6 51.Qd3 Qxd3#]



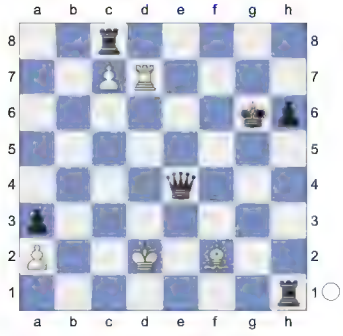
51.Rc2 Qb4+ -12.39/5
[⌓51...Qd4+ -#2/6 52.Qd3 Qxd3#]
52.Rc3-+



Qxb6? -2.68/22
[52...Rxc7!! -17.45/23 53.Nd5 Rd7]
53.Nc4? -9.56/23
[53.Nc2 -2.68/22 Qe6 54.Rc4 Qd5+ 55.Rd4 Qg5+ 56.Qe3 Bxc2 57.Rd7+ Kg6 58.Kxc2 Qf5+ 59.Qd3 Rxc7+ 60.Rxc7 Rc1+ 61.Kxc1 Qxd3 62.Be1]
53...Qg6 -4.34/20
[⌓53...Qb1 -9.56/23 54.Ke3 Rxc7]
54.Nd6 -#12/20
[54.Rg3-+ -4.34/20 Qc6 55.Bb6]
54...Qxd6+ 55.Rd3 Qg6?? #14/18
[55...Qb4+ -#11/19 and life is good for Black. 56.Rc3 Qb2+ 57.Ke3 Qxc3+ 58.Kf4 Rf8+ 59.Kxe4 Re8+ 60.Kd5 Rxe2 61.Bc5 Rh5+ 62.Kc6 Rxc5+ 63.Kb7 Rxc7+ 64.Ka6 Re5 65.Kb6 Qc6#]



56.Qxe4?? -#10/20 Qxe4 57.Rd7+ Kg6



What a bad dream for White.
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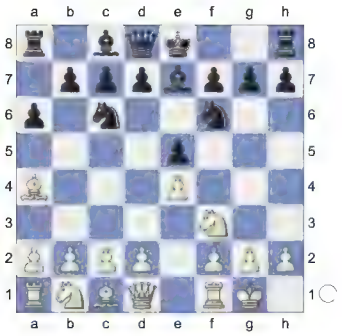
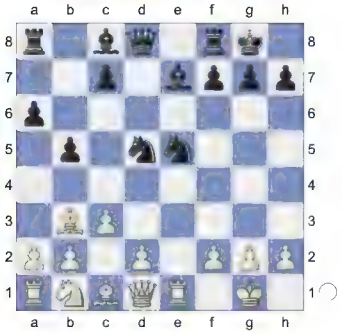
90 **C89**
□ **Odonata** **2809**
■ **Arasanx** **3056**
Rapid 08.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



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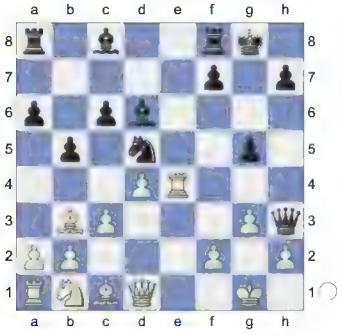


16.Qf1

[Not 16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Re1 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5∓]

[16.Qf3!?]

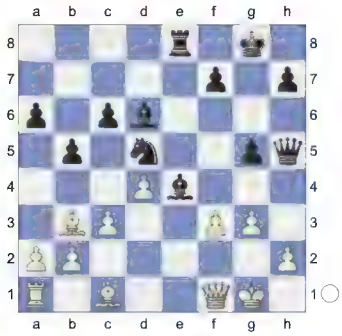
16...Qh5 17.Nd2 Bf5 18.f3 0.25/17

[18.Qd1± 0.56/18 was preferrable. Qxd1+ 19.Bxd1]

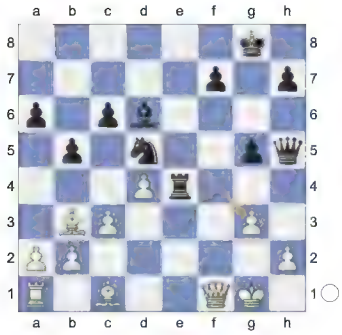
18...Rae8 19.Rxe8

[19.a4!?]

19...Rxe8 20.Ne4 Bxe4



21.fxe4 Rxe4



White must now prevent ...Bxg3!

22.Bd1! g4 23.Qf2

[23.a4 feels hotter. Re6 24.axb5 axb5 25.Ra7]

23...Re6 24.Bd2

[24.a4 b4 25.Bd2 bxc3 26.bxc3 c5 27.Rb1 cxd4 28.cxd4 Bc7 29.Rb7 Rf6 30.Qe2 Bb6 31.Rd7 Bxd4+ 32.Kh1 Be3 33.Be1 Bb6 ½-½ (33) Emans,J (2059)-De Winter,A (2378) Amsterdam 2023]

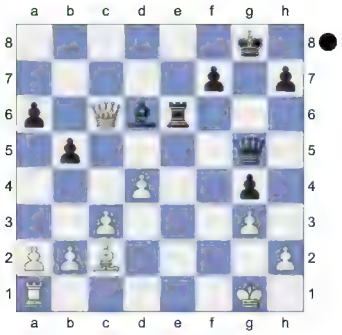
24...Nf6 25.Qg2N

[25.Bb3 Ne4 26.Qg2 Nxd2 27.Qxd2 Rf6 28.Re1 c5 29.Bc2 cxd4 30.cxd4 Kg7 31.Re4 Bxg3 32.hxg3 Rf1+ 33.Kxf1 Qh1+ 34.Kf2 Qh2+ 35.Ke3 Qxg3+ 36.Ke2 Qf3+ 37.Ke1 Qh1+ ½-½ (37) 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 (2721)-Ellithorpe,G (2728) c) 3...Nf6 4.Bg2 d4 5.0-0 c5 6.e3 Nc6 7 2010 World Championship [FS 12/1979 p311]]

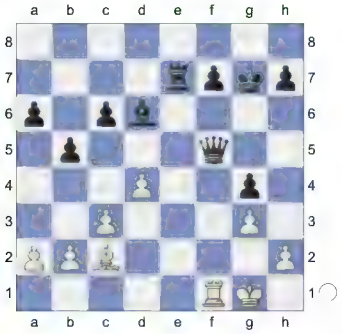
25...Ne4

(Diagram)

26.Bc2 Ng5 27.Bxg5 Qxg5 28.Rf1
[Don't go for 28.Qxc6?

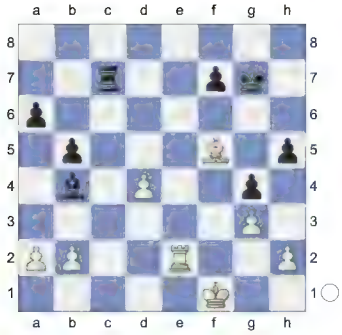


Bxg3! 29.Qa8+ Kg7-+]
28...Kg7 29.Qf2 Re7 30.Qf5
[30.a4 looks sharper. bxa4 31.Bxa4 c5 32.Bb3]
30...Qxf5

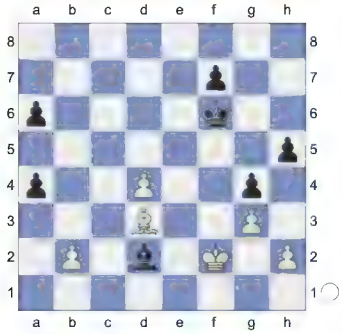


31.Bxf5= Endgame KRB-KRB **31...h5 32.Rf2 c5 33.Kf1 cxd4 34.cxd4 Bb4 35.Re2 Rc7**

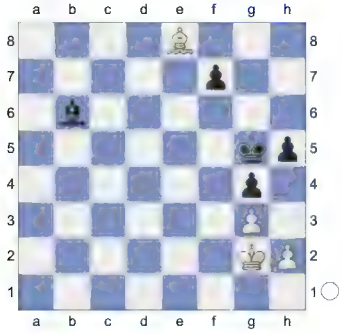
(Diagram)



36.Kf2 Ba5 37.Rc2 -0.33/21
[37.Re5= -0.01/22]
37...Rxc2+∓ 38.Bxc2 KB-KB **38...Kf6 39.Bd3 Bd2 40.a4 bxa4**

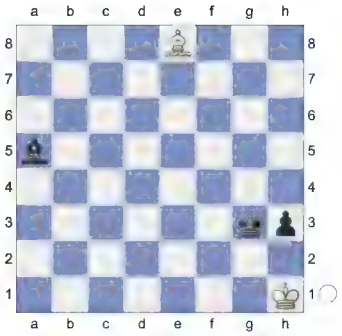


41.Bxa6 Bc1 42.Bb5! Bxb2 43.Bxa4 Bxd4+ 44.Kg2 Bb6 45.Be8 Kg5 0.00/32
[45...Ke7∓ -0.38/26 feels stronger. 46.Bb5 Bd4]



46.Bxf7= The position is equal. **46...Ba5 47.Be8 h4 48.gxh4+ Kxh4 49.h3 gxh3+ 50.Kh1 Kg3**

(Diagram)



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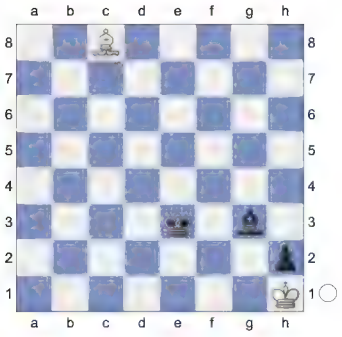
54.Bd7 Bg3 55.Bc8 Ke3



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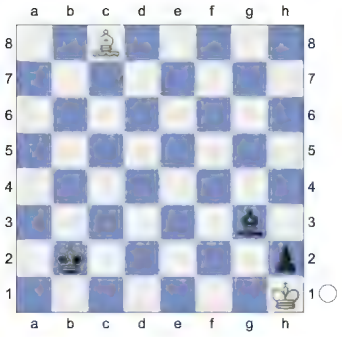

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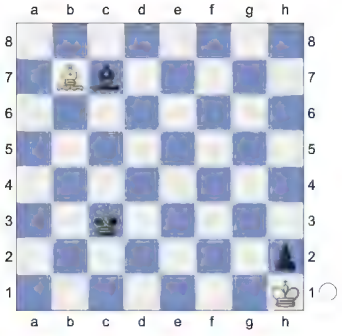
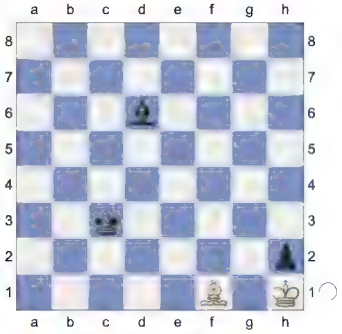
64.Bg2 Kd2 65.Bb7 Kc3



66.Ba6 Bf4 67.Bc8 Bb8 68.Bb7 Bd6

69.Ba6 Kb4 70.Bf1 Kc3



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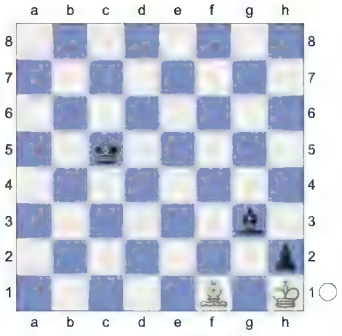
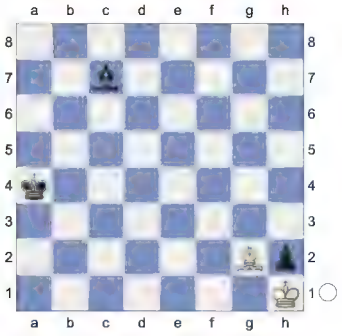
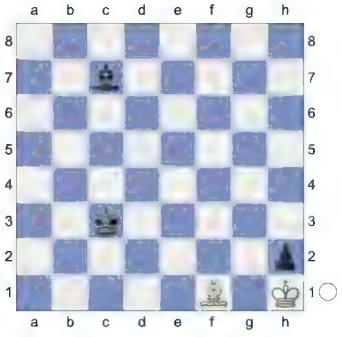
74.Bg2 Bg3 75.Bf1 Kc5



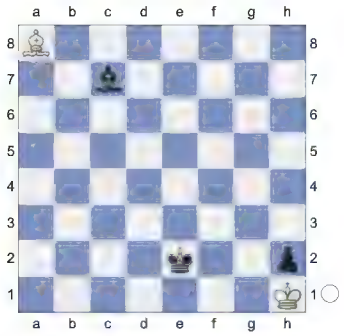
76.Bg2 Kb6 77.Bf3 Bf4 78.Bg2 Kb5
79.Be4 Ka4 80.Bg2 Bc7



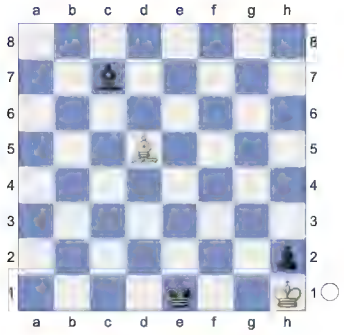
81.Bf1 Ka5 82.Be2 Kb4 83.Bd3 Kc5
84.Be2 Kb4 85.Bf1 Kc3



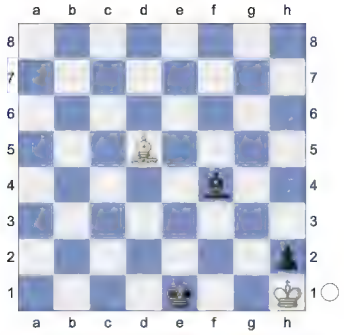
86.Ba6 Kd4 87.Bf1 Ke3 88.Ba6 Kf2 89.Bb7 Kf1 90.Ba8 Ke2



91.Bc6 Ke1 92.Bd5 Be5 93.Bc6 Bc7 aiming for ...Kd2. **94.Bb7 Kd1 95.Bd5 Ke1**



96.Bg2 Ke2 Against Bf3+. Threatens to win with ...Kd3. **97.Ba8 Ke3 98.Bc6 Kf2 99.Bg2 Bf4** ...Kg3 is the strong threat. **100.Bd5 Ke1**



Hoping for ...Kf2. **101.Bb7 Kd1**

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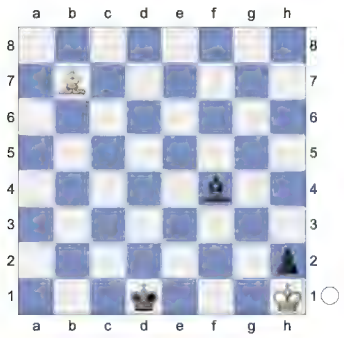

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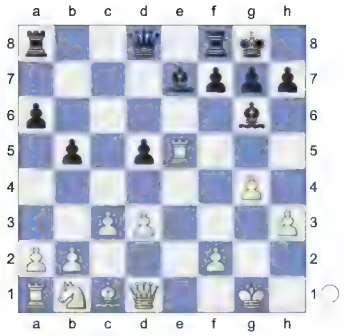
91 **C89**
□ **Ezizov,Muhammet** **1909**
■ **Assaubayeva,Bibissara** **2470**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz (6.5)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5**

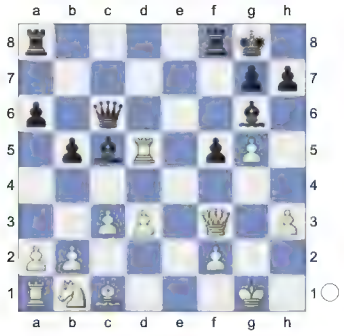
6.Bb3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c3
[8.Nc3 d6 9.a3 Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Nc6 13.Bd2 d5 14.Re1 Qd6 15.Na2 Nd7 16.Qe2 d4 17.Reb1 Nb6 18.Nc1 Na4 19.Nb3 Rf7 20.Rc1 Rd8 21.Ng5 Rf6 22.Qh5 h6 1-0 Deslandes,P (2801)-C 06/32 (2805) La 70/(299) Havana 1997 (4)]

8...d5
[8...d6 9.Nbd2 Nd7 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 Bf6 12.Bd5 Bb7 13.Nb3 Nb6 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Qc2 Bd7 16.e5 dxe5 17.dxe5 Be7 18.Rd1 Qc8 19.Bg5 Bf5 20.Qc1 Re8 21.Nbd4 Bg4 22.Bxe7 Rxe7 23.Qg5 1-0 Chapter G3 (1885)-9. ♗g5 a6 10. a4_70275 (1677) Bundesliga 2002-3 2003 (3)]
9.exd5N
[9.Nbd2 dxe4 10.dxe4 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.Qe2 Bd6 13.Rd1 Na5 14.Bc2 Qc8 15.Nf1 Re8 16.Ng3 Bg6 17.Nh4 Nb7 18.Qf3 Nc5 19.Nhf5 Bf8 20.Be3 Ne6 21.Nh6+ Kh8 22.Bb3 c5 23.h4 c4 1-0 Bronstein,D-Kopylov,N URS-ch17 Moscow 1949 24.Bc2 Nd7 25.Nhf5 f6 26.h5 Bf7 27.h6 g6 28.Nd6 Bxd6 29.Rxd6 Kg8 30.Rad1 Re7 31.Nf5 gxf5 32.exf5 Nf4 33.Rxd7 Rxd7 34.Rxd7 Qxd7 35.Qxa8+ Be8 36.Bxf4 exf4 37.Qxa6 Qe7 38.Qe6+ Kf8 0-1 Bronstein,D-Klovans,J USSR 18/243 1974 39.Qxe7+ Kxe7 40.Be4 Kd6 41.g4 fxg3 42.fxg3 Ke5 43.Bc2 Bd7 1-0 Collier,D-Krivcenko,A 96/ (199) Bari 2006]
9...Nxd5 10.Re1 Bg4

11.h3 Bh5 12.g4 Black must now prevent Nf3xe5! **12...Bg6** The position is equal. **13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Rxe5 c6 15.Bxd5! cxd5**

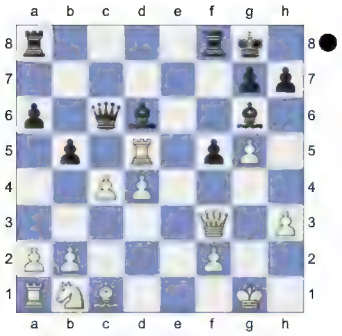


16.Qf3 d4 17.Rd5 -0.65/21
[17.cxd4= -0.11/21 f6 18.Rd5]
17...Qc8 -0.08/22
[17...Qb6∓ -0.65/21]
18.Rxd4= f5 19.g5 Wards off Be7-f6
19...Bc5 -0.11/21
[19...Be8∓ -0.47/21]
20.Rd5 -0.87/22
[20.Rf4!= -0.11/21]
20...Qc6 -0.26/20
[20...Qe6∓ -0.87/22 21.Kg2 *(21.Rxc5 Qe1+ 22.Kg2 Qxc1-+)* 21...Bh5 22.Qxh5 Qxd5+ 23.Qf3 Qe6]

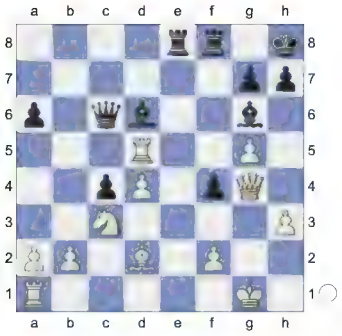


21.d4 -1.67/21
[21.Nd2= -0.26/20 and White has nothing to worry.]
21...Bd6 -0.98/22
[21...Rad8-+ -1.67/21 22.c4 bxc4 *(22...Bxd4 23.Nd2∓)*]
22.c4 -2.31/22

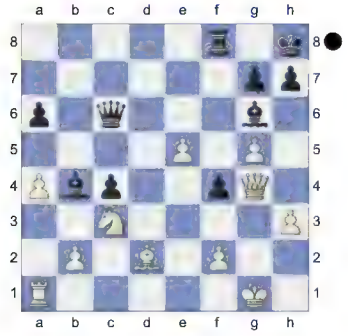
(Diagram)



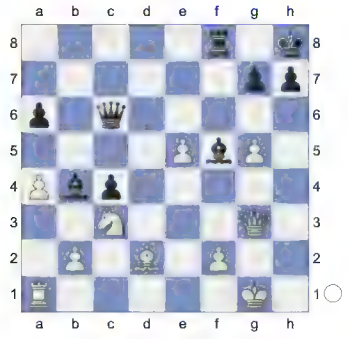
Rae8!-+
[22...bxc4 23.Nc3∓]
23.Bd2 Wards off Re8-e1+ **23...bxc4** -0.94/21
[23...f4-+ -2.28/21 ...Rf8-f5 would now be deadly. 24.Nc3 b4 *(24...bxc4 25.Qg4∓)*]
24.Nc3∓ f4↑ -0.90/21 Black is really pushing.
[⌓24...Qb7 -1.40/22 25.Bf4 Bb4]
25.Qg4∓
[25.Re1? Rxe1+ 26.Bxe1 Bf7-+]
25...Kh8
[25...Be4?! 26.Nxe4 Qxd5 27.Nf6+ gxf6 28.gxf6+ Kf7 29.Qg7+ Ke6 30.Re1+ Kf5 31.Qd7+ Kxf6 *(31...Re6? 32.Re5++- Decoy)* 32.Rxe8 Rxe8 *(32...Qg8+ 33.Kh2=)* 33.Qxe8 Qg5+ 34.Kf1=]



26.a4 -1.69/21
[26.h4∓ -0.71/20]
26...Bb4? -0.17/22
[26...Qb6-+ -1.69/21 27.a5 Qxb2]
27.Re5 -1.11/21
[27.Re1!= -0.17/22 remains equal.]
27...Rxe5 -0.45/21
[27...Rd8∓ -1.11/21 28.d5 Qb7]
28.dxe5∓



Bf5 -0.14/22
[Black should try 28...Bc5!∓ -0.86/20 ...Qc6-b6 is the strong threat. 29.Re1 Qb6]
29.Qxf4= Bxh3 30.Qg3 -7.11/22 Dodges Qc6-g2+
[30.Qe4= -0.24/22 Qc8 31.Qh4]
30...Bf5? -0.11/20
[30...Bc5-+ -7.11/22 31.Be1 Rf3]



31.Re1 White is weak on the light squares **31...Rd8 32.Be3 Qe6** -0.01/19
[32...h5!∓ -0.48/20 should be considered.]
33.Qh4 Rd3
[33...Qxe5? 34.g6 *(34.Qxc4 Bd6=)* 34...Bxg6 35.Qxd8++-]
34.Ne2? -6.14/22 **Bxe1-+** A strong pair of Bishops. **35.Nf4 Qe7**

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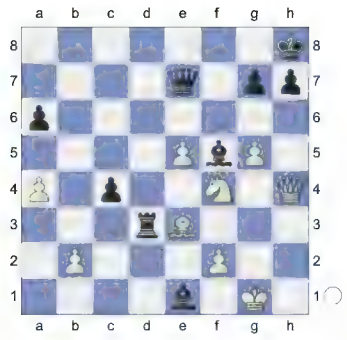

Hoping for ...Rd3xe3. **36.Nxd3 cxd3**
37.Qf4 g6? -2.03/19
[37...Qd7 -8.21/20 38.e6 Bxe6 *(38...Qxe6? 39.Qb8+ Qc8 40.Qf4-+)*]
38.e6 White threatens Qf4-b8+ and mate. **38...Kg8?** -0.01/23
[38...Bxe6 39.Qe5+ Kg8 40.Bc5∓]
[38...Qxe6 39.Qb8+ Kg7 40.Qd8-+]
[38...h5-+ -2.44/25 39.Qe5+ Kg8 *(39...Kh7? 40.Bd4-+)*]
39.Qb8+= Qf8 40.Qc7 -5.38/22
[40.Qb3= 0.01/23 and White stays safe. Bxf2+ 41.Bxf2]
40...Bb4-+

41.Bd4 -#9/18
[41.Qc4-+ -4.25/19 Be7 42.Qxa6]
41...Be7? 0.01/22
[41...d2 -#9/18 mates 42.Qf4 d1Q+ *(42...d1R+ 43.Kg2)* 43.Kh2 Bd6 Pin *(43...Qxa4? 44.e7-+; 43...Qh5+* leads to mate. *44.Kg2 Bh3+ 45.Kg3 Bd6* Pin *46.Be5 Bxe5* Pin *47.f3 Qxf4+ 48.Kf2 Qhxf3+ 49.Kg1 Qxg5#; 43...Qd6 44.Qxd6 Bxd6+ 45.f4 Bxf4+ 46.Kg2 Be4+ 47.Kf2 Bd3 48.Kg2 Qf1#)* 44.Be5 Qa8 *(44...Bxe6 45.Qxf8+ Bxf8 46.Kg2 Bd5+ 47.Kh3 Qh5+ 48.Kg3 Qf3+ 49.Kh4 Be6 50.Bh2 Qh3#; 44...Qh5+ 45.Kg1 Bxe5 46.Qe3 Qh2+ 47.Kf1; 44...Bxe5 45.Qxe5 Qf1 46.Qg3)* 45.f3 Qaxf3 *(45...Bxe5 46.Qxe5 Qdxf3 47.Qe2 Qxe2+ 48.Kg3 Qeg2+ 49.Kh4 Qh3#)* 46.Qxf3 Qxf3 47.Kg1 Be4 48.Bxd6 Qg2#]
42.Qe5= The board is on fire. **42...Bf6** 11.59/22 **43.gxf6+-** Threatening mate with f6-f7+.
[43.Qxf6 Qxf6 44.gxf6 Bxe6=]
43...d2 44.f7+

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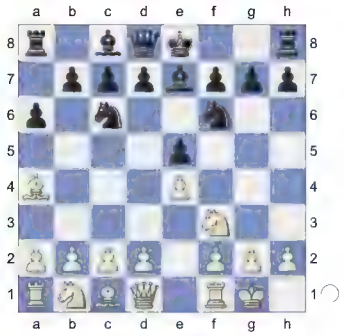
1-0

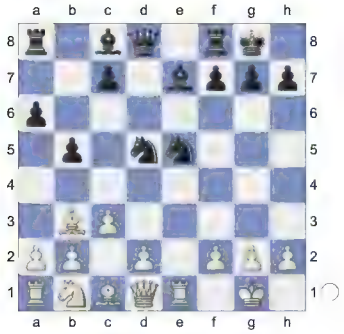
92 **C89**
□ **Stockfish Dev F7** **3662**
■ **LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6**
TCEC 26 Balanced Lines (1.2) 31.07.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Firouzja,Alireza, MH: 'C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
' Saric,Ivan, MH: 'C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
' 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4

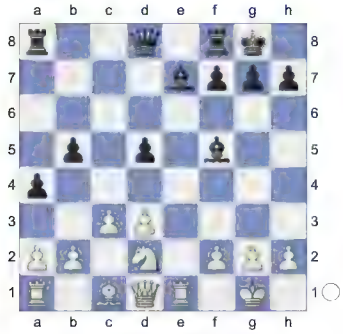
Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



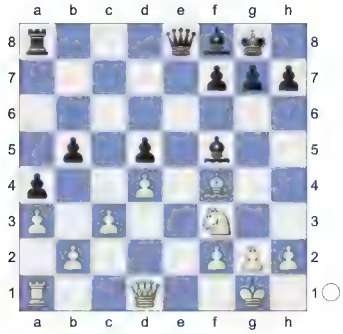
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 a5 13.Re1 Bf5N
[13...a4 14.Bc2 Bf5 15.a3 Qd7 *(15...Bd6 16.Nd2 Qh4 17.g3 Qh3 18.Ne4 Rae8 19.Nxd6 Bg4 20.Nxe8 Bxd1 21.Bxd1 Qd7 22.Nxg7 Kxg7 23.Kg2 Re8 24.Bg4 Qd8 25.Rd1 Qf6 26.h4 Re5 27.h5 Rf5 28.h6+ Kg6 29.Rf1 Qe6 30.Bd2* mayhem23111 (3065)-Patriciabot (2851) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (49)*; 15...Re8 16.Nd2 Bg6 17.Ne4 f5 18.Ng3 Bd6 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.Bd2 Ra7 21.Qf1 Re7 22.Re1 f4 23.Rxe7 Qxe7 24.Ne4 f3 25.g3 Nf6 26.Bg5 Bxe4 27.dxe4 h6 28.Bxf6 Qxf6 29.Qd3 g5 30.h3* Firouzja,A (2770)-Abasov,N (2638) Riga 2021 CBM 205 [Firouzja,Alireza] 1-0 (49) *h5 31.e5 Qxe5 32.Qxf3 h4 33.gxh4 gxh4 34.Be4 Qg5+ 35.Qg2 Qxg2+ 36.Kxg2 c5 37.Bc6 b4 38.axb4 cxb4 39.cxb4 Bxb4 40.Bxa4 Kg7 41.f4 Bd6 42.Kf3 Kf6 43.Ke4 Bb4 44.Bd7 Bd6 45.Bg4* Saric,I (2644)-Alekseenko,K (2710) Riga 2021 CBM 205 [Saric,Ivan] 1-0 (49)*)* 16.Nd2 Bg4 17.f3 Be6 18.Nf1 Rae8 19.d4 Bd6 20.Bg5 f5 21.Bh4 Kh8 22.Qd2 Rg8 23.Bf2 g5 24.Ne3 Ref8 25.c4 Nxe3 26.Bxe3 bxc4 27.Bxg5 Bd5 28.h4 Emery,S (2029)-Joie,S (2353) Bern 2023 0-1 (35)]
14.Nd2 White is slightly better. **14...a4 15.Bxd5 cxd5**



16.Nf3 Bf6 17.d4 Re8 18.Bf4 Be7 0.68/21
[18...Rxe1+= 0.30/19 19.Qxe1 h6]
19.a3± Bf8 20.Rxe8 Qxe8



21.Nd2 f6 22.h4 Bg6 23.Nf1 Qe4 24.Bg3 Qc2 25.Qxc2 Bxc2

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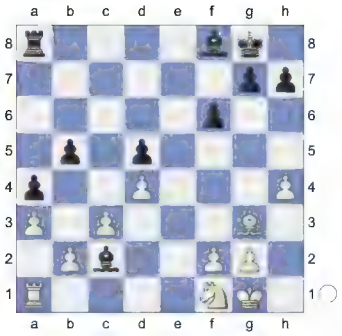
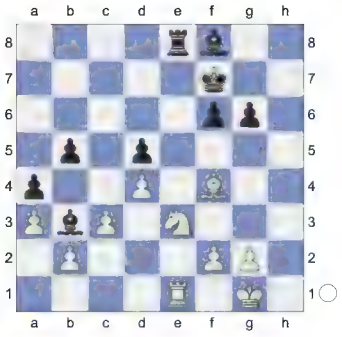


26.Re1 Kf7 Against Re6 **27.Ne3 Bb3 28.h5 g6 29.hxg6+ hxg6 30.Bf4 Re8**



31.f3 g5 32.Bg3 Kg6 33.Bc7 g4 34.Kf2
[Don't do 34.fxg4 Bh6 35.Kf2 Bxe3+ 36.Rxe3 Rxe3 37.Kxe3 Kg5±]
34...gxf3 35.Kxf3 0.70/27
[35.gxf3± 1.02/27 Bh6 36.f4]
35...Re7

36.Bf4 Rh7 37.g4 Kf7 38.Kg3 Rh8 39.g5 fxg5 40.Bxg5 Kg6

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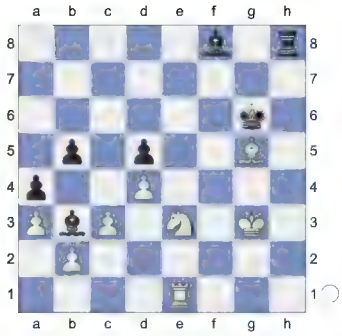
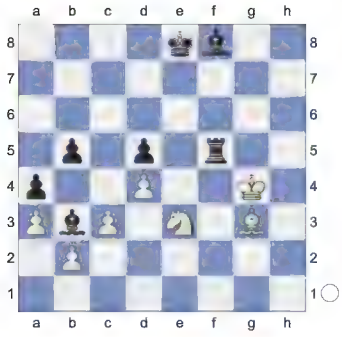
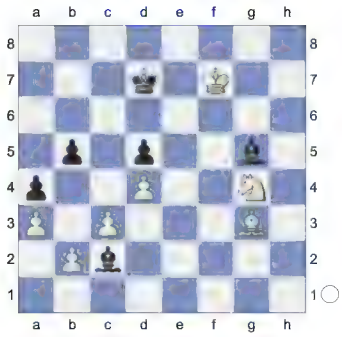


41.Bh4 Rh7 42.Kg4 Kf7 43.Rf1+ Ke8 44.Rf5 Rf7 45.Bg3 Rxf5



46.Kxf5
[Much weaker is 46.Nxf5 Kd7=]
46...Kd7 47.Kf6 0.50/28
[47.Bb8± 1.02/28]
47...Be7+ 48.Kf7 Bg5 49.Ng4 0.01/29
[49.Bf2± 0.42/30]
49...Bc2



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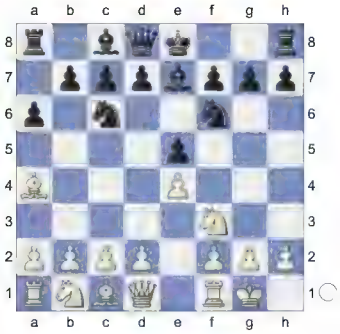
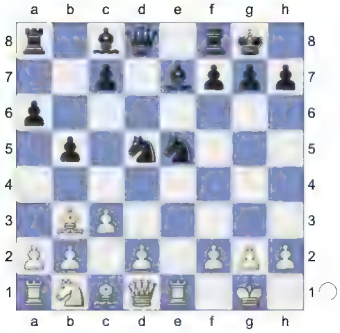
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

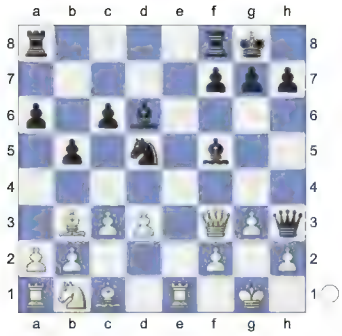


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

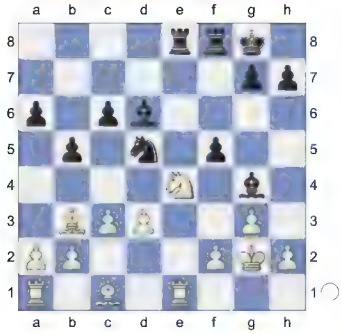


11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[But not 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

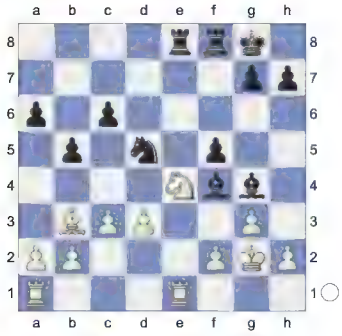
(Diagram)



16.Nd2
[16.Be3!?]
16...Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5



20.Bf4! Bxf4



21.gxf4 Hoping for Ng3. **21...fxe4 22.dxe4** Pin **22...Bf3+! 23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4**

(Diagram)

26.f3 Re5 27.c4 bxc4 28.Bxc4 a5 29.Rc1

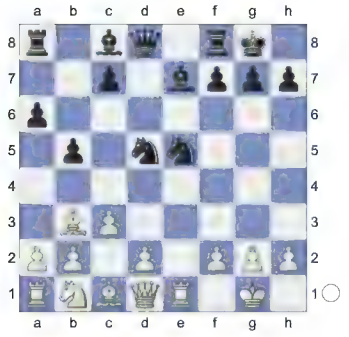
An interesting draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)
½-½

94 **C89**
□ **Odonata** **2787**
■ **Puztel** **3064**
Rapid 29.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

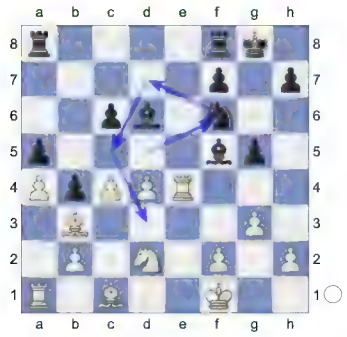


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5

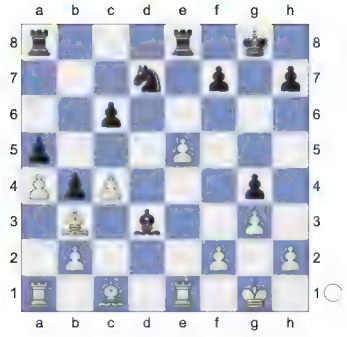
16.Qf1
[16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Re1 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5∓]
16...Qxf1+ 17.Kxf1 Bf5 18.Nd2
White is slightly better. **18...a5 19.a4! b4**
[19...Bxe4? 20.Nxe4 Be7 21.axb5± *(21.Nxg5 b4±; 21.Bxg5 Bxg5 22.Nxg5 b4±)*]
20.c4N
[20.cxb4 Bxb4 21.Re5 Bh3+ 22.Kg1 f6 23.Rxd5 Kg7 24.Rc5 Rfe8

25.Rxg5+ fxg5 26.Nf3 h6 27.Bc4 Rab8 28.Be3 Bd6 29.b3 Rbd8 30.Rc1 Bg4 31.Kg2 Ba3 32.Rf1 Bf5 33.h4 g4 34.Ne5 c5 odonata-bot (2724)-Fipsi,X (3059) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (133)]

20...Nf6



21.Re1 Rfe8 22.Nf3 Bd3+ 23.Kg1 g4 24.Ne5 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Nd7

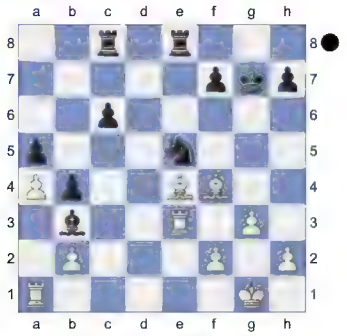


26.Bf4

[26.e6!?]

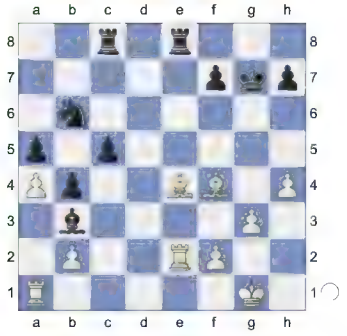
26...Nc5 27.Bd1 Bxc4 28.Bxg4 Strongly threatening Rec1. **28...Nd3** Prevents Rec1. **29.Reb1 Bb3 30.Bf3** This bishop pair is nice. **30...Rac8**

31.Be4 Nxe5 32.Re1 Bxe5 is the strong threat. **32...Kg7 33.Re3**



Nc4! 34.Re2 c5 35.h4 Nb6

[Don't do 35...f5 36.Bd3=]



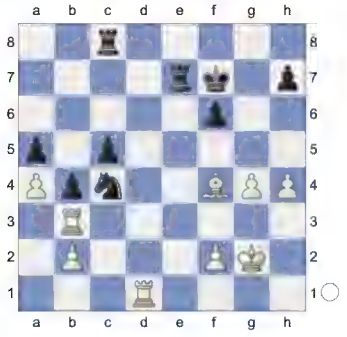
36.Re3 Nc4 37.Rxb3 -0.40/20

[37.Re2= -0.01/20 should be considered.]

37...Rxe4∓ 38.Rd1 Re7 -0.01/21

[38...Nb6∓ -0.41/18]

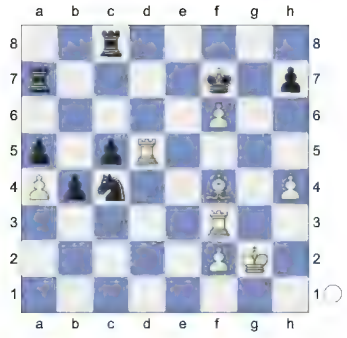
39.Kg2= f6 40.g4 Kf7



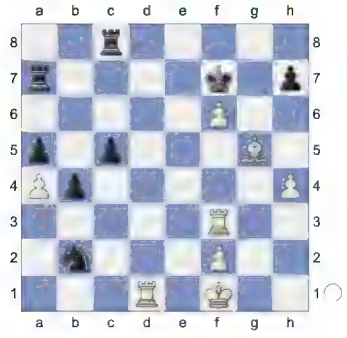
41.g5 Re4 42.Rf3

[Avoid the trap 42.Rd7+? Ke6 43.Rc7 Rxc7 44.Bxc7 fxg5 45.hxg5 Rg4+ 46.Kf3 Rxg5-+]

42...Nxb2 43.Rd7+ Re7 44.Rd5 Nc4 45.gxf6! Ra7

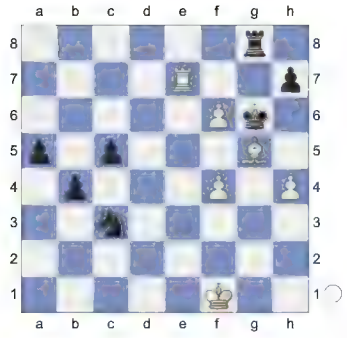


46.Bg5 Ke6 47.Rd1 Kf7 0.01/17
[47...Rf7∓ -0.35/21]
48.Kf1 -0.59/21
[Better is 48.Kh3= 0.01/17]
48...Ne5 49.Rf5 Nc4 -0.01/17
[Black should play 49...Ke6∓ -0.65/19 50.Rf4 Kf7]
50.Rf3! Nb2

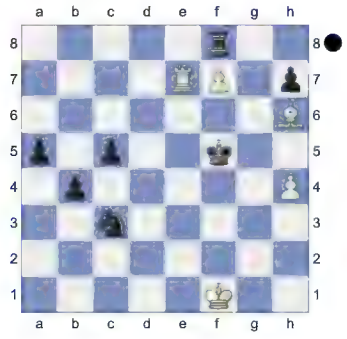


51.Re1 And now Re7+ would win.
51...Rg8⇄ 0.01/18 Black is not keeping still
[51...Nxa4? 52.Re7+ Kg6 53.Rxa7+-]
[51...Re8∓ -0.46/21 52.Re7+ Raxe7 53.fxe7+ Ke6 54.Re3+ Kd7]
52.Rfe3 -0.39/22
[52.Re7+= 0.01/18 Rxe7 53.fxe7+ Ke8 54.Re3]
52...Nxa4∓ 53.f4! Nc3 54.Re7+ -0.95/18
[54.h5∓ -0.62/22 feels stronger. Nd5 55.Re5 Nxf6 56.Re6]
54...Rxe7∓ 55.Rxe7+ Endgame KRB-KRN **55...Kg6**

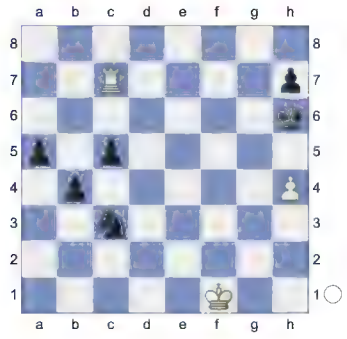
(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...Rf8. **56.f5+** -2.25/19 This costs White the game.
[56.h5+∓ -0.99/20 Kxh5 57.Rxh7+ Kg4 58.Rd7]
56...Kxf5-+ Threatens to win with ...Rf8.
57.f7 Rf8 58.Bh6

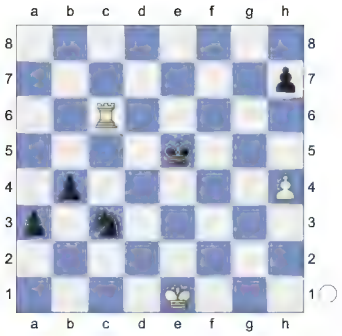


Rxf7 59.Rxf7+ Kg6 60.Rc7 aiming for Bf8. **60...Kxh6**

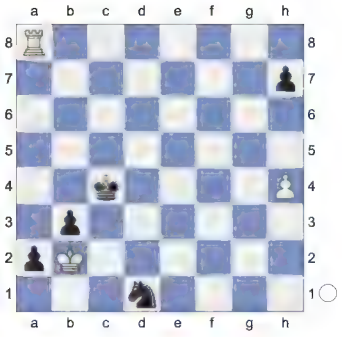


61.Rxc5 KR-KN **61...a4 62.Ke1** -6.38/24
[⌓62.Rc6+ -4.08/22 Kg7 63.Ke1]
62...a3 63.Rc6+ Kg7 64.Rc7+ Kf6 65.Rc6+ Ke5

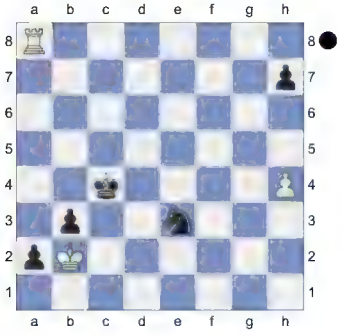
(Diagram)



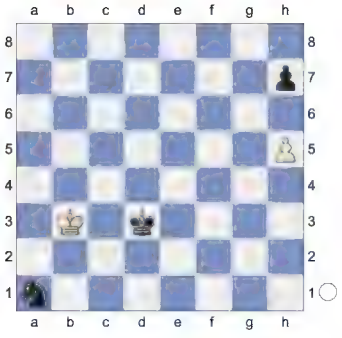
66.Kd2 Kd5 67.Rc8 a2 68.Ra8 Kc4 69.Kc2 b3+ 70.Kb2 Nd1+



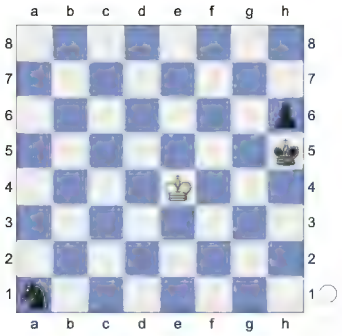
71.Ka1 Ne3 72.Kb2



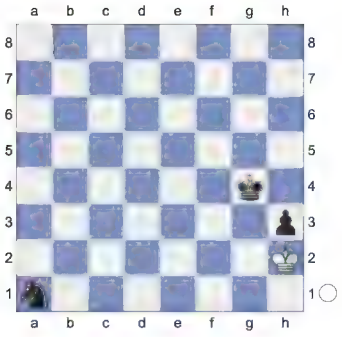
Nc2! 73.h5 Kd3 74.Kxb3 a1Q 75.Rxa1 Nxa1+



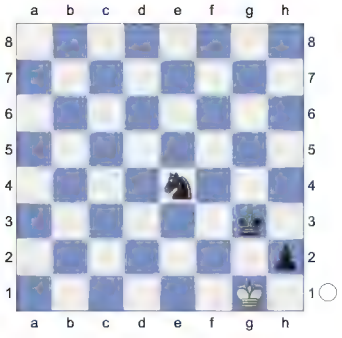
KN-KP 76.Kb4 h6 77.Kc5 Ke4 78.Kd6 Kf5 79.Kd5 Kg4 80.Ke4 Kxh5



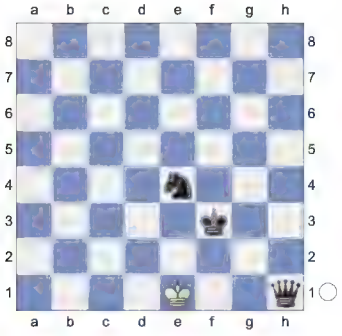
81.Kf3 Kg5 82.Kg2 Kg4 83.Kh2 h5 84.Kg2 h4 85.Kh2 h3



86.Kg1 Kg3 87.Kh1 Nb3 88.Kg1 Nd2 (-> ...Ne4) 89.Kh1 Ne4 Black mates. 90.Kg1 h2+



91.Kf1 Kf3 92.Ke1 h1Q#



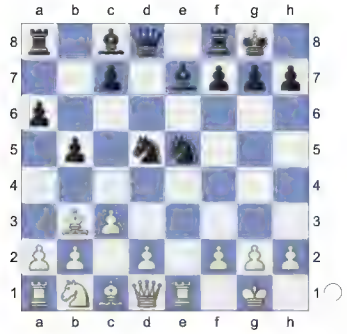
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very

precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
0-1

95 **C89**
□ **Nikitosik Ai** **3032**
■ **Puztel** **3069**
Rapid 29.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

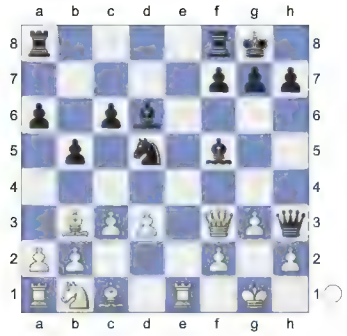
Blitz 8min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Be7 5.0-0 Nf6

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

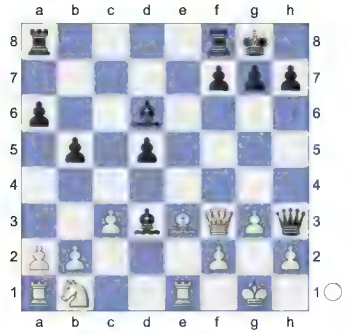


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[Reject 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

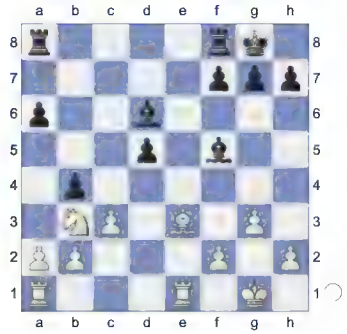
(Diagram)



16.Bxd5
[16.Be3!?]
16...cxd5 17.Be3 Bxd3

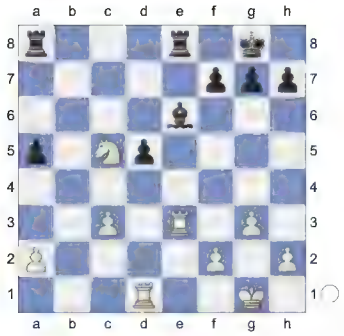


Threatens to win with ...Be4. **18.Nd2**
Inhibits Be4. **18...Qf5 19.Qxf5 Bxf5**
This bishop pair is nice. **20.Nb3 b4**

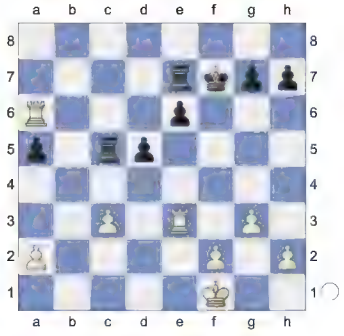


21.Rad1 Be6 22.Bc5 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 bxc3 24.bxc3 Rfe8 25.Re3 a5 0.49/20
[25...Bg4= 0.11/21 might be stronger.
26.Rxd5 Rxe3 27.fxe3 f6]

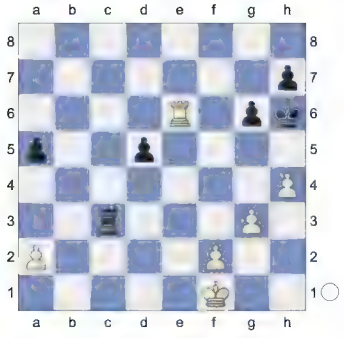
(Diagram)



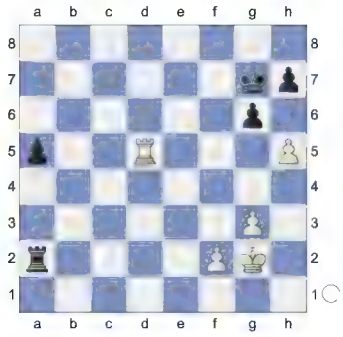
26.Nxe6± fxe6 Endgame KRR-KRR
27.Rb1 Kf7 28.Rb6 Rac8N
[28...g5 29.Rc6 Kf6 30.a4 h5 31.h3 Kf5 32.Kg2 g4 33.h4 Rab8 34.Re1 Rb2 35.Rd6 Rbb8 36.Ra6 Rbc8 37.Rxa5 Rxc3 38.Ra7 e5 39.Rh7 Kg6 40.Rd7 d4 41.Rxd4 exd4 42.Rxe8 Kf6 43.Kf1 mayhem23111 (3008)-caissa-x (3036) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (48)]
29.Ra6 Rc5 30.Kf1 Re7



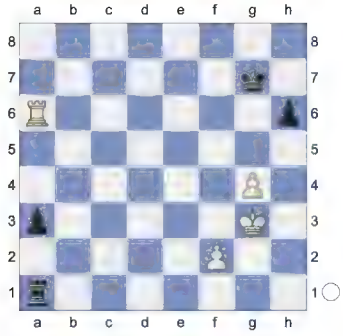
31.Rf3+ Kg6 32.h4 Kh6 33.Re3 g6 34.Rexe6 Rxe6 35.Rxe6 Rxc3



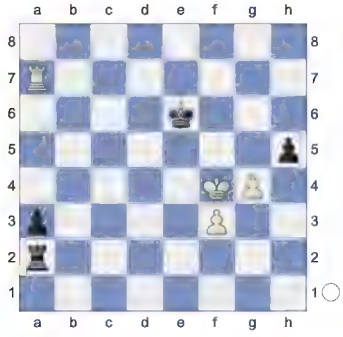
KR-KR **36.Rd6 Kg7 37.Rd7+ Kf6 38.Rxd5 Ra3 39.h5** 0.12/24
[39.Rd2± 0.51/26 should be considered.]
39...Rxa2= 40.Kg2 Kg7



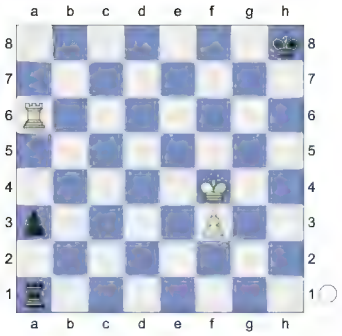
41.g4 gxh5 42.Rxh5 a4 43.Kg3 h6 44.Ra5 a3 45.Ra6 Ra1



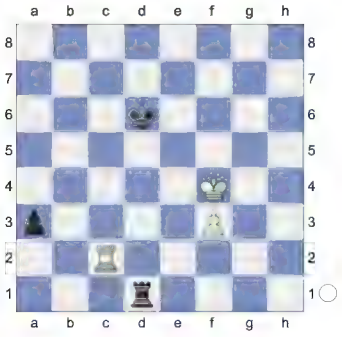
46.Kf4 Ra2 47.f3 h5 48.Ra7+ Kf8 0.45/26
[48...Kg6= 0.01/27 feels stronger.]
49.Ra8+ Kf7 50.Ra7+ Ke6



51.Ra6+
[51.gxh5 with more complications. Rh2 52.h6 a2 53.Kg3]
51...Ke7 52.gxh5 Kf7 53.h6 Ra1 54.h7 Kg7 55.h8Q+
[55.Ra7+ feels hotter. Kh8 56.Kg5 a2 57.Kf4]
55...Kxh8

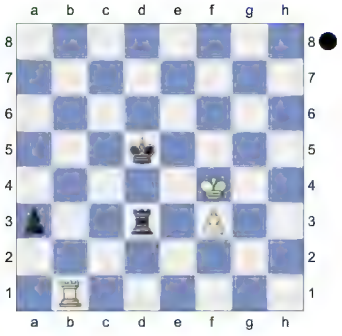


56.Ra4 Kg8 57.Rb4 Kf7 58.Rb3 Ke6 59.Rc3 Kd6 60.Rc2 Rd1



61.Ra2 Rd3 62.Ra1 Kd5 63.Rb1 -0.78/19

[63.Rg1= -0.01/24 keeps the balance.]



63...a2 0.00/27

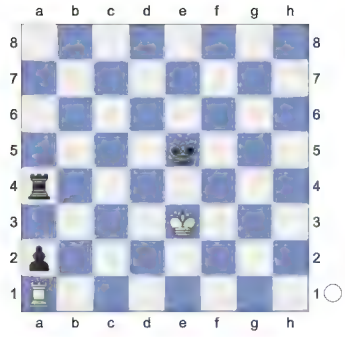
[63...Kd4!∓ -0.78/19 And now ...a2 would win. 64.Rb7 a2 65.Rd7+ Kc3]

64.Ra1 The position is equal. **64...Ra3 65.Kg4 Ke5**

[Don't play 65...Ra4+?! 66.f4∓]

(Diagram)

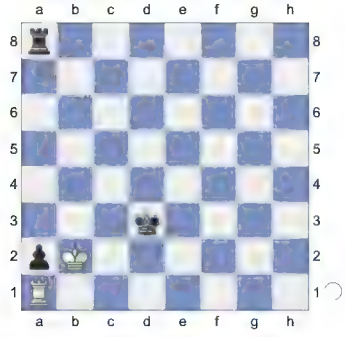
66.f4+ Kf6 67.f5 Ke5 68.f6 Kxf6 69.Kf4 Ra4+ 70.Ke3 Ke5



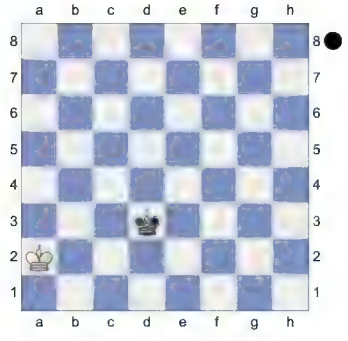
71.Kd2 Ke4 72.Re1+ Kd4 73.Ra1 Ra8

[73...Ra7!?]

74.Kc2 Kc4 75.Kb2 Kd3



76.Rxa2 Rxa2+ 77.Kxa2



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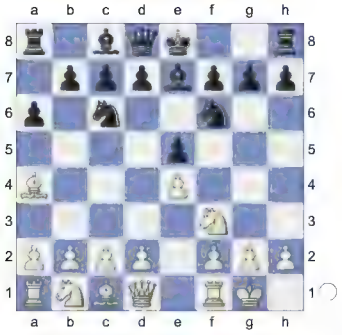
96 **C89**
□ **Zoro25Bot** **2705**
■ **Nikitosikbot V2** **3054**
Rapid 03.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

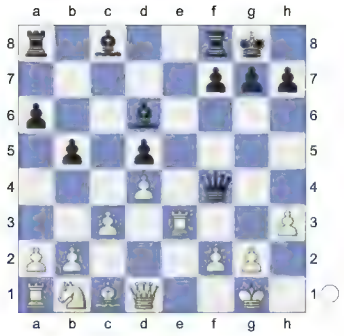
Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Sokolov,And; Armas,Ju: 'Inf 49/(403)'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



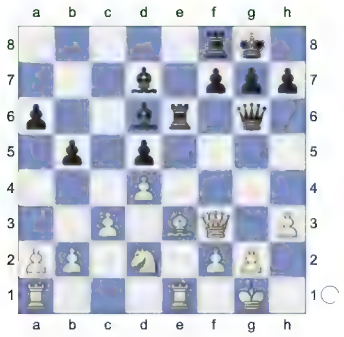
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 c6 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re3 Qh4 15.h3 Qf4

(Diagram)



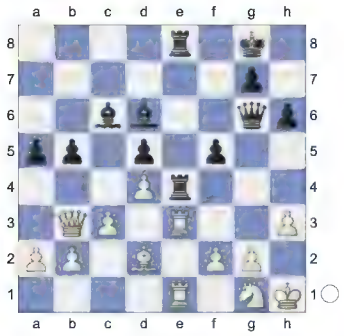
16.Re5 Qf6 17.Re1 Qg6 White must now prevent ...Bxh3. **18.Qf3 Bd7 19.Be3 Rae8 20.Nd2** Inhibits Re4. The position is equal. **20...Re6**
[20...h5 21.Kh1 Bb8 22.Bf4 Qc2 23.Bxb8 Qxd2 Sokolov,A (2585)-Geller,E (2515) New York 1990 Cl1-130 [Sokolov,Andrei; Armas,Ju]]



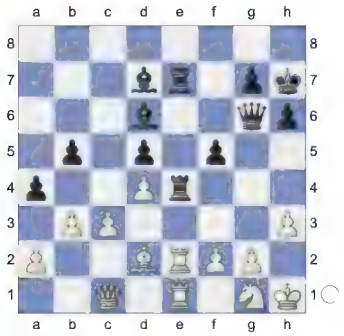
21.Kh1
[21.Qxd5 Bc6! 22.Qxc6 Bh2+! 23.Kxh2 Rxc6∓]
21...Rc8N
[21...Bb8 22.Nb3 Rf6 23.Qe2 *(23.Qd1 h5* Marshall-Sidelines [Jan Gustafsson] *24.Nc5 Bxh3 25.gxh3 Qf5 26.Kg2 Re8 27.Kf1 Rxe3* 14. Re3 #13 Marshall Sidelines*)* 23...Bxh3 24.f4 Bxg2+ 25.Qxg2 Qh5+ 26.Qh2 Qf3+ 27.Qg2 Rh6+ 28.Kg1 Rg6 14. Re3 #12 Marshall Sidelines]
22.Qd1
[22.Qxd5? Rxe3! 23.Rxe3 Bc6 24.Qxc6 Rxc6-+]

22...Rce8 Black has compensation.
23.Nf3 Re4 24.Bd2 Qf5 25.Re3 h6

26.Qe2 Qh5 -0.11/21
[26...R8e6!∓ -0.44/19 is superior.]
27.Ng1!= Qg6 28.Re1 f5 29.Qd1 a5 30.Qb3 Bc6



31.Qc2 R8e6 32.R3e2 Bd7 33.Qd1 Kh7 34.Qc1 a4 35.b3 Re7



36.Qd1 a3 37.Qc2 Be8 38.Rxe4 dxe4 39.c4! bxc4 40.bxc4 Bf7

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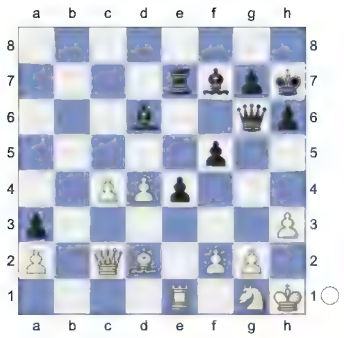
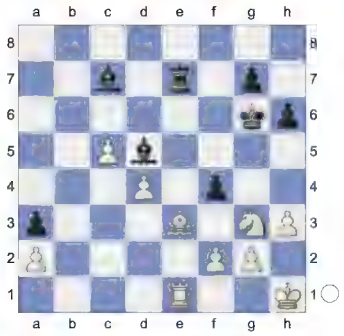
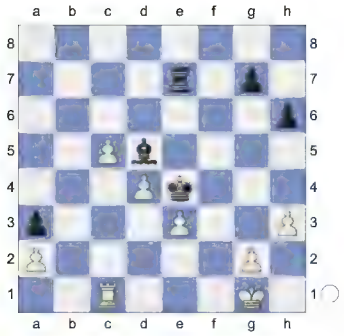


41.c5
[41.Rb1!?]
41...Bc7 42.Ne2? -4.46/19 This move loses the game for White.
[42.Bc1= -0.09/20 and White is okay.]
42...e3!-+ 43.Bxe3
[43.Ng3 exf2! 44.Rxe7 Qxg3 45.Qxf5+ Bg6]
43...Bd5 A strong pair of Bishops.
44.Ng3 f4 45.Qxg6+ Kxg6

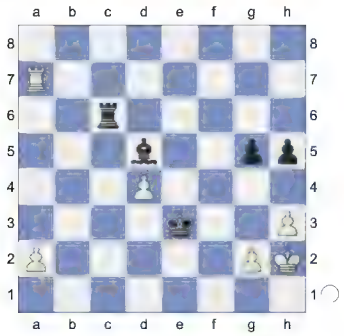


46.Nf1 fxe3 47.Nxe3 -4.53/22
[47.Rxe3 -2.78/22 was forced. Kf6 48.Kg1]
47...Bf4
[Stronger than 47...Bxa2 48.Ra1 Bf7 49.Rxa3∓]
48.Kg1 Bxe3 49.fxe3 Endgame KRB-KR **49...Kf5**
[49...Bxa2 50.Ra1 Bd5 51.Rxa3∓]
50.Rc1 Ke4
[Worse is 50...Bxa2 51.Rf1+ Ke4 52.Ra1-+]

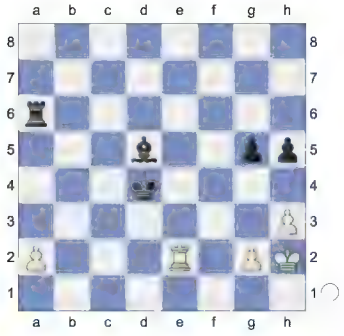
(Diagram)



51.c6 Rc7 52.Rc3 g5 ...h5 is the strong threat. **53.Kh2** -7.66/28
[⌓53.Rxa3 -4.99/22 Rxc6 54.Ra5]
53...Rxc6 54.Rxa3 h5 55.Ra7 Kxe3



Threatens to win with ...Rc2. **56.Rd7 Ke4 57.Re7+ Kf4 58.Re2 Ra6 59.Rf2+ Ke4 60.Re2+ Kxd4**



61.Rd2+ Ke5 62.Re2+ Kd6 63.Re3 Rxa2 64.Rg3

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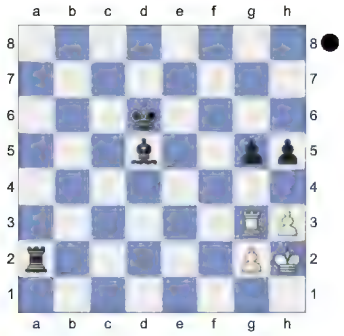
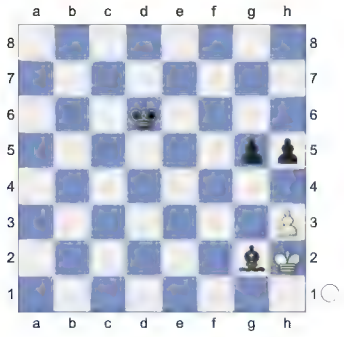
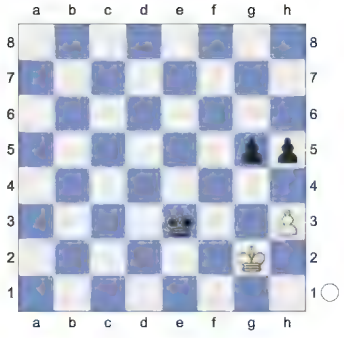


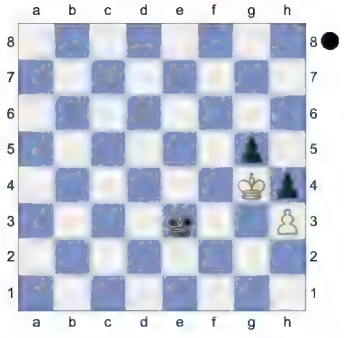
Rxg2+! 65.Rxg2 Bxg2



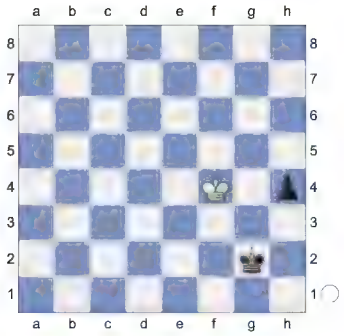
66.Kxg2 KPP-KP **66...Ke5** Black mates. **67.Kf3 Kd4 68.Ke2 Ke4 69.Kf2 Kf4 70.Kg2 Ke3**



71.Kg3 h4+ 72.Kg4



Kf2! 73.Kxg5 KP-KP **73...Kg3 74.Kf5 Kxh3** KP-K **75.Kf4 Kg2**



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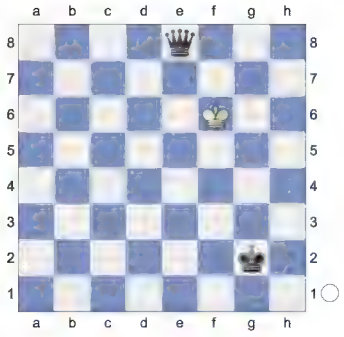

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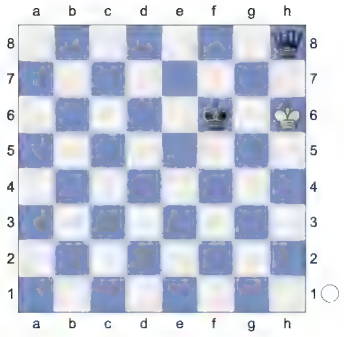

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■ **Caissa,X** **3057**

Rapid 15.06.2024

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C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

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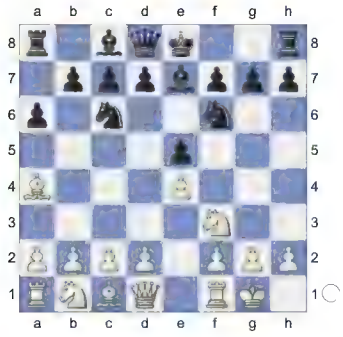
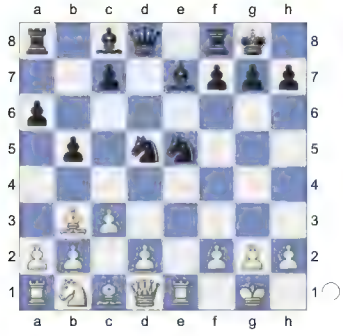


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



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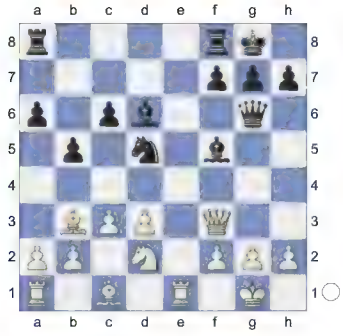
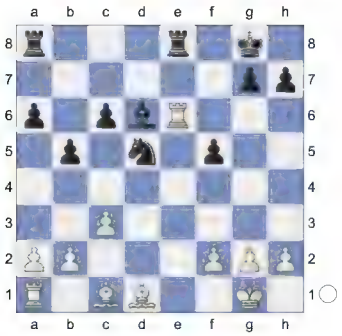


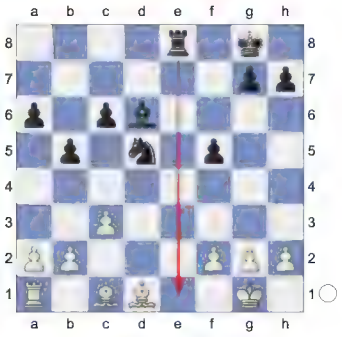
16.Bd1 Bxd3

(Diagram)

Strongly threatening ...Rfe8. **17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 f5** 0.81/18
[18...a5± 0.32/18]
19.Qe6+± Qxe6 20.Rxe6 Rfe8



21.Rxe8+ Rxe8



22.Kf1 Against Re1+ **22...a5N** 0.76/18
[22...Bxh2± 0.37/18 23.g3 f4]
[22...Kf7 23.Bf3 Rc8 24.Bd2 Nb6 25.Re1 a5 26.h3 a4 27.Bd1 Re8 28.Rxe8 Kxe8 29.Bc2 g6 30.g4 fxg4 31.hxg4 Nd5 32.Ke2 Kd7 33.a3 Bf4 34.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 35.Ke3 Nd5+ 36.Kd4 Kd6 37.g5 Projecthuman (2835)-Ripsockeye (2790) Classical 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (60)]

23.a4 Threatens to win with axb5.
23...b4
[23...Bxh2? 24.axb5 Kf8 25.bxc6+-]
24.Bd2 bxc3
[Weaker is 24...Bxh2 25.g3±]
25.bxc3 Be5
[25...Bxh2? 26.g3+-]

26.Bf3 Rc8
[26...Bxh2? 27.g3+-]
27.Rc1 Nb6 28.Bd1 Rb8 29.Rb1 Kf7 30.Ke2 Ke7

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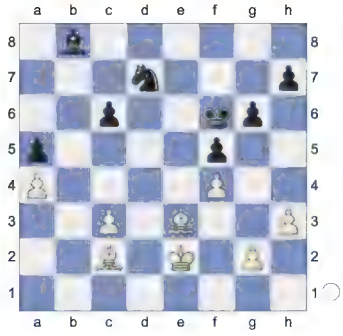
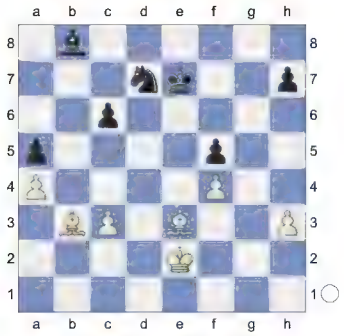


Endgame KBB-KBN **36.g4 Ke6 37.Bb3+ Ke7 38.gxf5 gxf5 39.Bc2**

Ke6 40.Bb3+ Ke7



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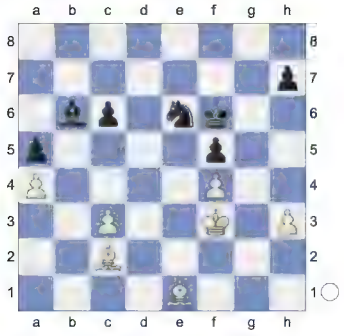

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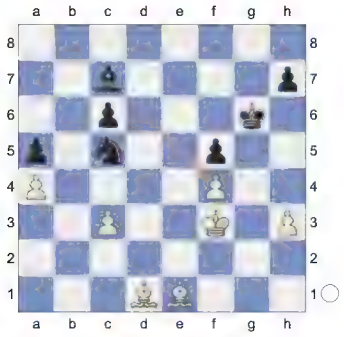

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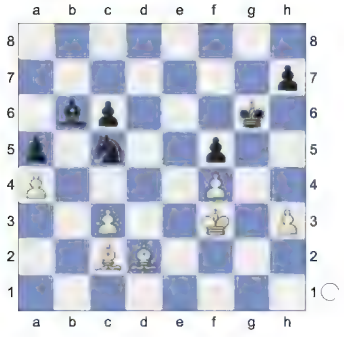

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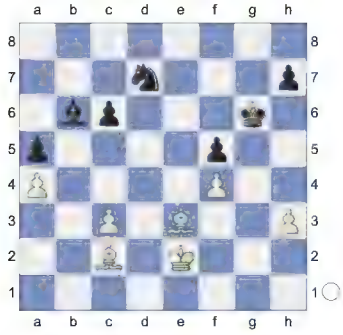

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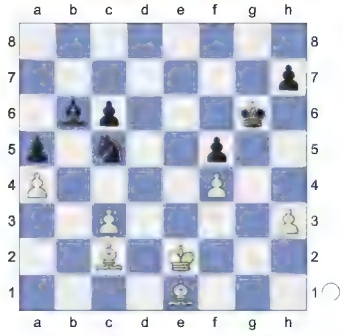

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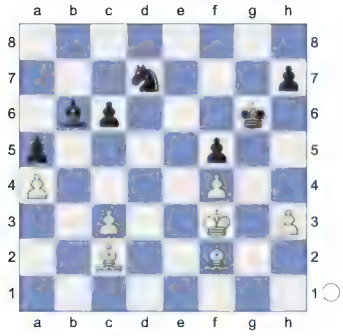

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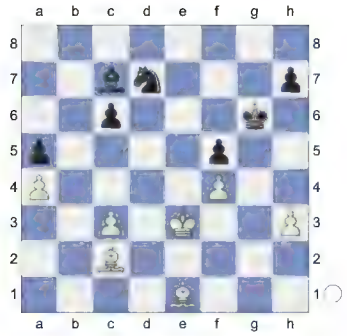

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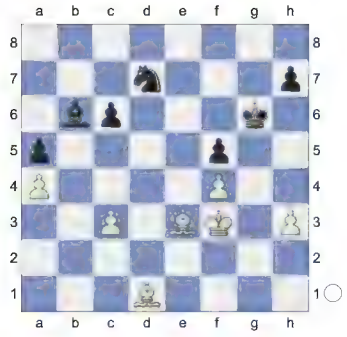

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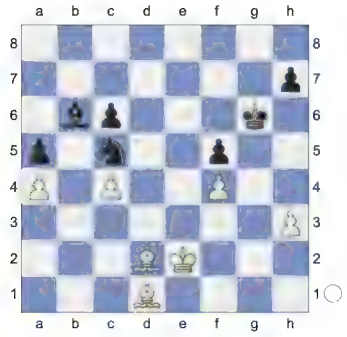
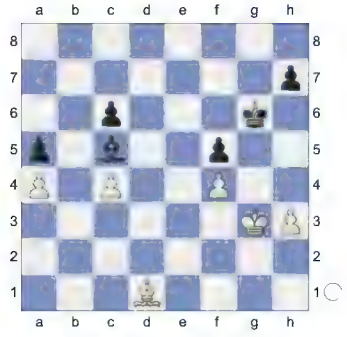
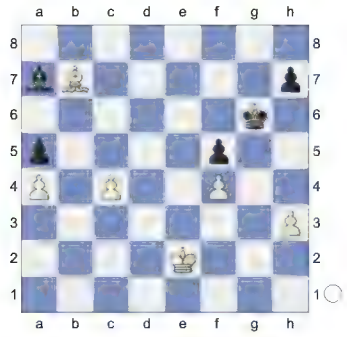


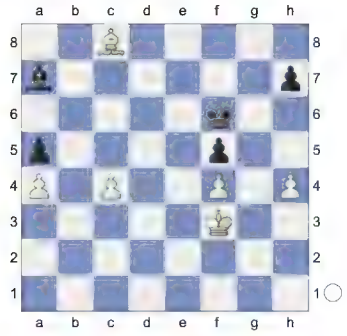
86.Kf3 Ne6 87.Kg2 Bc7 88.Kg3 Nc5
And now ...Ne4+ would win. **89.Be3 Bd6 90.Bxc5 Bxc5**



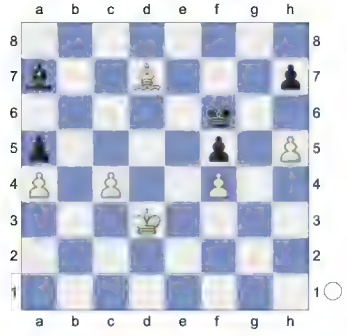
KB-KB **91.Bf3 Kf6 92.Bxc6 Kg6 93.Kf3 Kf6 94.Bb7 Ba7 95.Ke2 Kg6**



96.Kd3 Kf6 97.Ke2 0.01/26
[97.Bc6± 0.49/24]
97...Bc5 0.42/25
[97...Kg6!= 0.01/26
is more appropriate.]
98.Bc8 Ba7 99.Kf3 Bb6 100.h4 Ba7

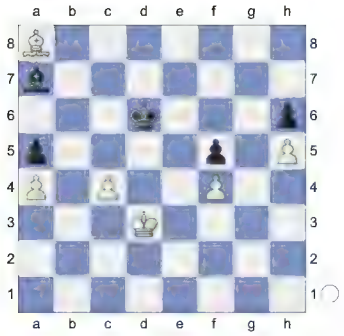


101.Ke2 Bc5 102.Kd3 Kg6 103.Be6 Kf6 104.Bd7 Bf2 105.h5 Ba7

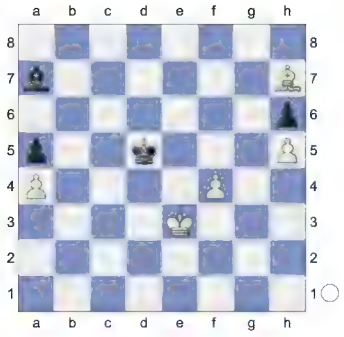


106.Bc6 Ke6 107.Bd5+ Kf6 108.Bg8 h6 109.Bd5 Ke7 110.Ba8 Kd6

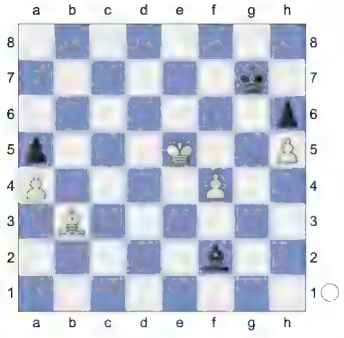
(Diagram)



111.Bb7 Bb8 112.Bc8 Kc5 113.Ke3 Kxc4 114.Bxf5 Kd5 115.Bh7 Ba7+

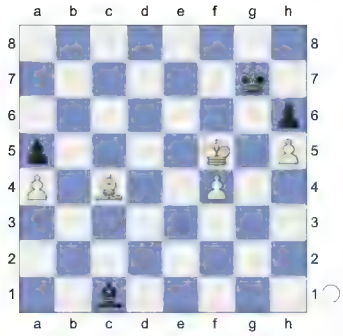


116.Kd3 Bf2 117.Bg8+ Kd6 118.Ke4 Ke7 119.Ke5 Kf8 120.Bb3 Kg7

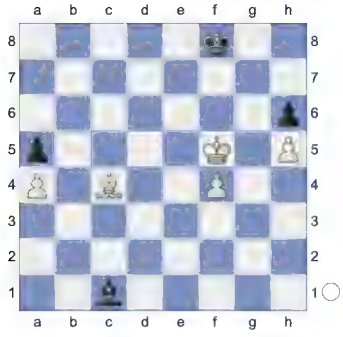


121.Ba2 Be1 122.Bb3 -0.01/32
[Better is 122.Ke6± 0.56/34]
122...Bd2 0.55/34
[122...Bf2!= -0.01/32]
123.Ba2 -0.01/31
[123.Bd5± 0.55/34]
123...Bc3+ 0.54/36
[Black should try 123...Be1!= -0.01/31]
124.Kf5 Bd2 125.Bc4 Bc1

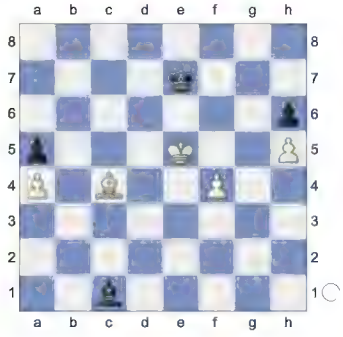
(Diagram)



126.Bb3 Bb2 127.Bd1 Bc1 128.Bb3 0.01/30
[128.Ke5± 0.57/33]
128...Be3 0.57/35
[128...Bb2!= 0.01/30]
129.Bd5 White is slightly better.
129...Bc1 130.Bc4 Kf8



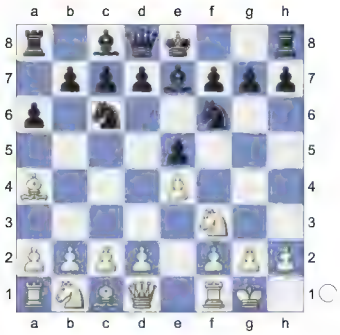
131.Ke5 Ke7



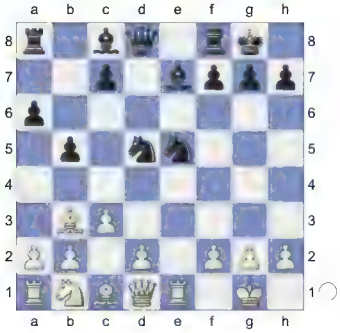
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless) . Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
0-1

98 **C89**
□ **Bitextender128** **2921**
■ **Caissa,X** **3070**
Rapid 11.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

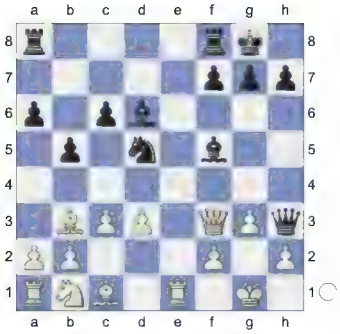
Blitz 10min+3sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



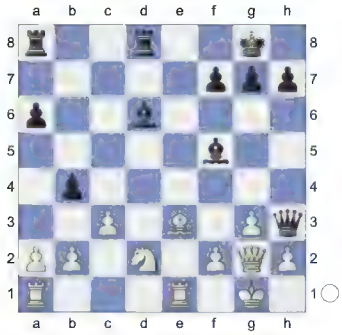
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



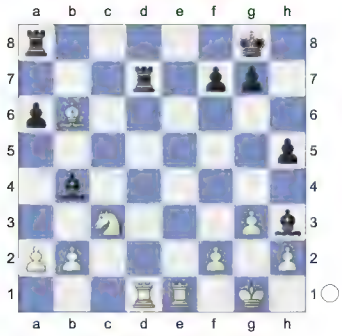
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3!
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



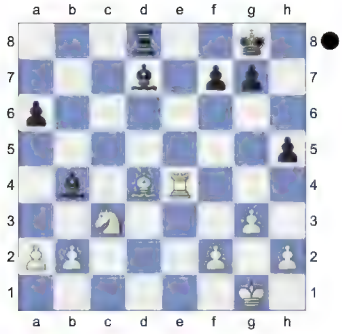
16.Be3 Bxd3 White is slightly better.
[Don't do 16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
17.Nd2 Bf5
[Resist 17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]
18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rfd8 20.Qg2 b4



21.Qxh3 Bxh3 22.Ne4 bxc3 23.Nxc3 h5 24.Bb6 Rd7N
[24...Rdb8 25.Na4 Bf8 26.b3 Rc8 15. g3,1-N,N Marshall 12. d3 (14... Qh4) A]
25.Rad1 Bb4

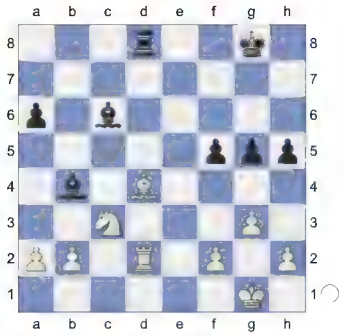


26.Rxd7 Bxd7 27.Bd4 Rd8 28.Re4

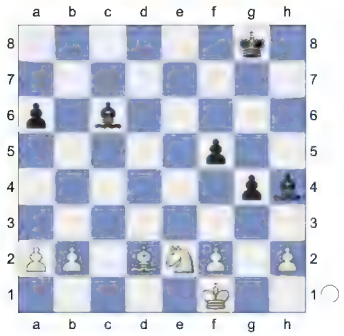


aiming for Bb6. **28...f5 29.Re2 Bc6**

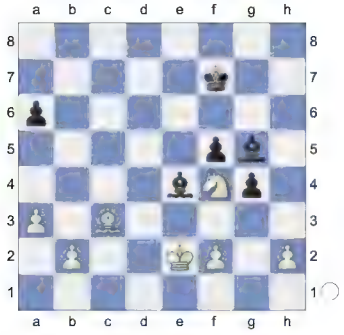
30.Rd2 g5



31.Be3 Rxd2 32.Bxd2± Endgame KBB-KBN 32...g4 33.Kf1 Be7 34.Ne2 h4 35.gxh4 Bxh4

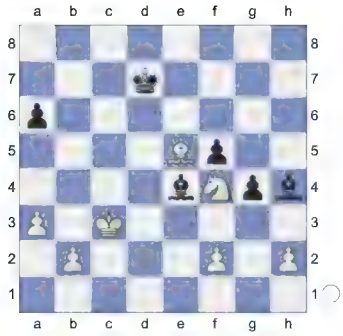


36.Ke1 Kf7 37.Nf4 Be4 38.Ke2 Bb1 39.a3 Be4 40.Bc3 Bg5

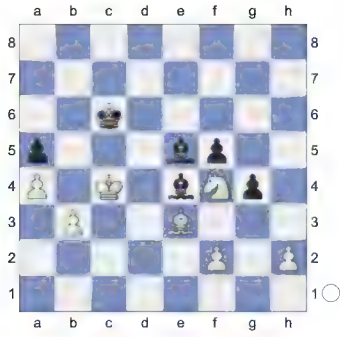


A strong pair of Bishops. **41.Be5 Ke7 42.Kd2 Kd7 43.Kc3 Bh4 44.Bd4 Bg5 45.Be5 Bh4**

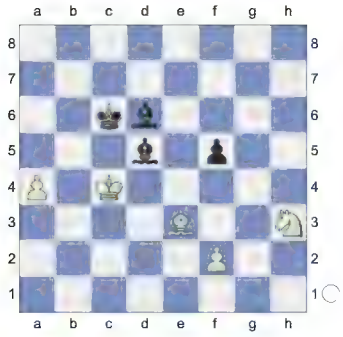
(Diagram)



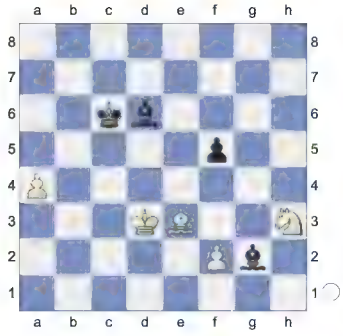
46.Bd4 Bd8 47.b3 Bc7 48.Be3 Be5+ 49.Kc4 Kc6 50.a4 a5



51.b4 axb4 52.Kxb4 Bf3 53.h4 gxh3! 54.Nxh3 Bd6+ 55.Kc4 Bd5+

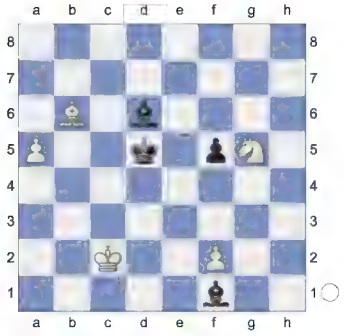


56.Kd3 Bg2

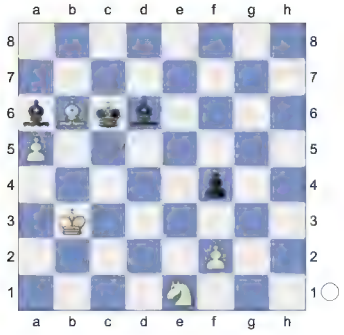


Strongly threatening ...Bf1+. **57.Ng5** 0.23/22

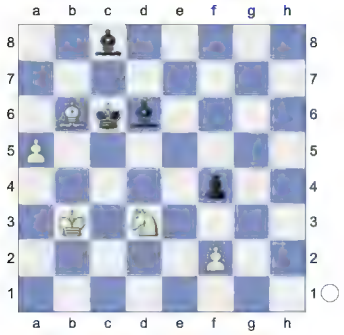
[57.Nf4± 0.64/21 Bf1+ 58.Kc2]
57...Bf1+= 58.Kc2 0.18/22
[58.Kd4!± 0.64/20]
58...Kd5 59.Bb6 Kc6 60.a5 Kd5



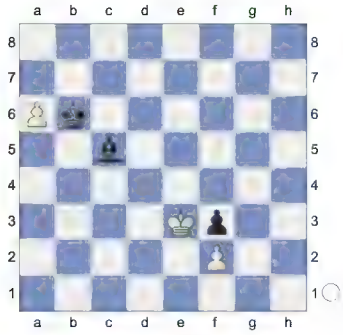
61.Nf3 Be7 62.Ne1 Bd6 63.Nf3 f4 64.Ne1 Ba6 65.Kb3 Kc6



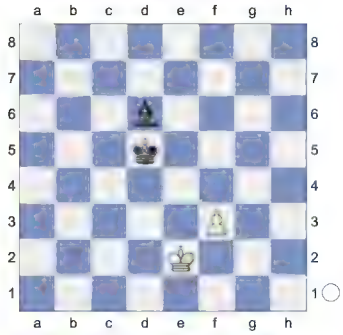
66.Kc3 Be5+ 67.Kd2 Kd5 68.Nd3 Bd6 Against Nb4+ **69.Kc3 Bc8! 70.Kb3 Kc6** 0.73/27
[70...Ke4± 0.35/23 was preferrable. 71.Kc3 Be7]



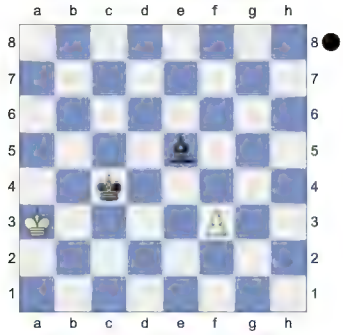
71.Kc4± Ba6+ 72.Kd4 Bxd3 1.24/25
[⌓72...Bb7 0.84/26]
73.Kxd3 KB-KB **73...f3?** 4.81/29
[73...Kb5± 1.25/30 is tougher. 74.Ke4 Ka6]
74.a6? -1.11/34 **Kxb6∓** KB-KPP **75.Ke3 Bc5+** 0.00/32
[Black should try 75...Kxa6∓ -1.09/35 76.Kxf3 Bh2]



76.Kxf3= Kxa6 KB-KP **77.Ke2** -1.22/35
[77.Ke4= 0.00/35 remains equal.]
77...Kb5 Black is better. **78.Kf3 Kc6 79.Ke2 Kd5 80.f3 Bd6**



81.Kd3 Bf4 82.Kc2 Kc4 83.Kb2 Be5+ 84.Ka3



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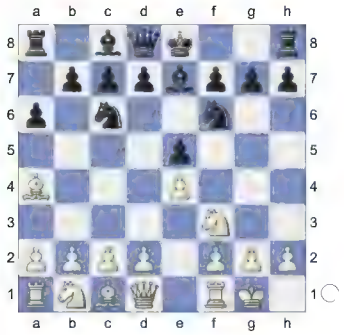
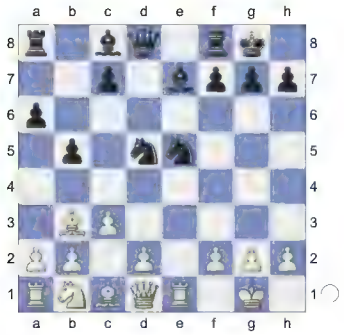
½-½

99 **C89**
□ **Nikitosikbot V2** **3039**
■ **Caissa,X** **3064**
Rapid 11.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

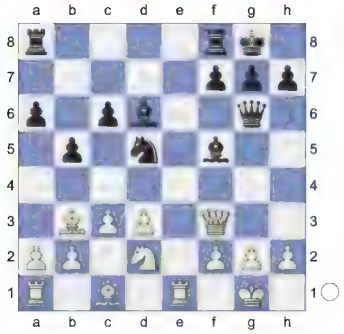
Blitz 10min+4sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



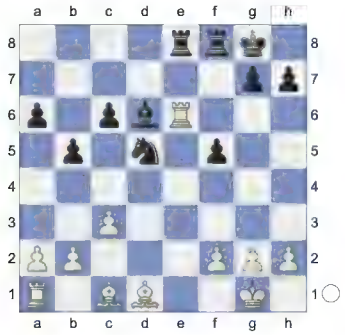
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



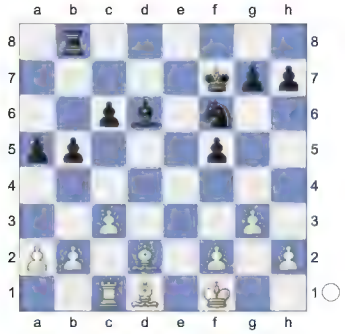
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qf6 15.Nd2 Qg6



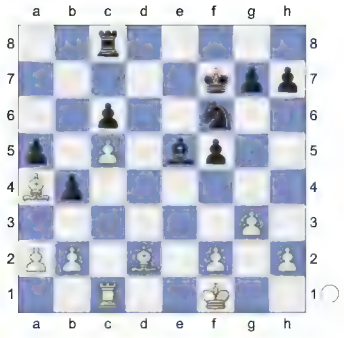
16.Bd1 Bxd3 White is slightly better.
17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 f5 19.Qe6+ 0.23/18
[19.Qd4± 0.56/18]
19...Qxe6= 20.Rxe6 Rae8



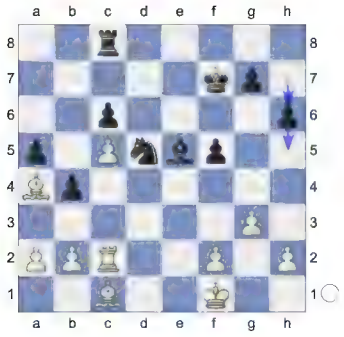
21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Kf1 Inhibits Re1+.
22...a5N
[22...Kf7 23.Bf3 Rc8 24.Bd2 Nb6 25.Re1 a5 26.h3 a4 27.Bd1 Re8 28.Rxe8 Kxe8 29.Bc2 g6 30.g4 fxg4 31.hxg4 Nd5 32.Ke2 Kd7 33.a3 Bf4 34.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 35.Ke3 Nd5+ 36.Kd4 Kd6 37.g5 Projecthuman (2835)-Ripsockeye (2790) Classical 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (60)]
23.Bd2 Rb8
[23...Bxh2? 24.g3+-]
24.g3 Kf7 25.Rc1 Nf6



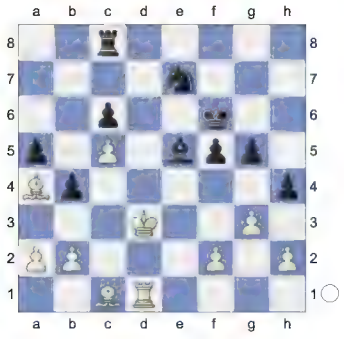
26.c4 0.33/18
[26.Bf3± 0.80/18]
26...b4 0.76/21
[26...a4!± 0.33/18]
27.Ba4± Rc8 28.c5 0.08/20
[White should try 28.Be3± 0.78/21]
28...Be5=
(Diagram)



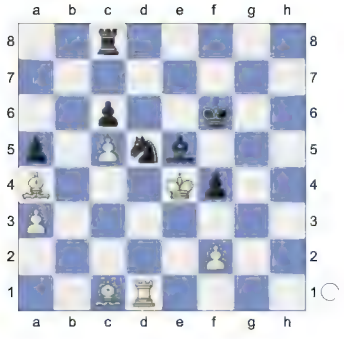
29.Rc2! Nd5 30.Bc1 h6



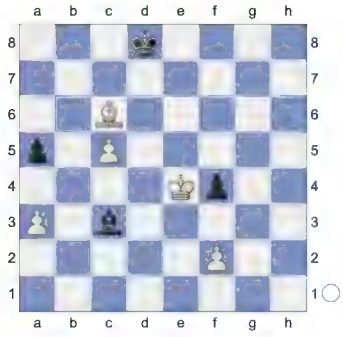
31.Re2 Kf6 32.Rd2 g5 33.Ke2
[Don't play 33.Bxc6 Rxc6 34.Rxd5 Ke6∓]
33...h5 34.Kd3 Ne7 35.Rd1 h4



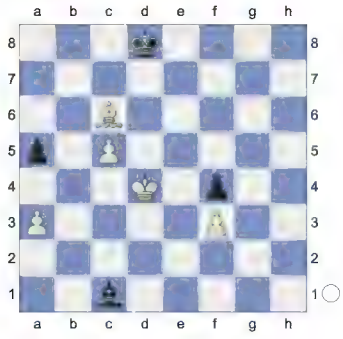
36.a3 bxa3 37.bxa3 hxg3 38.hxg3 f4 39.gxf4 gxf4 40.Ke4 Nd5



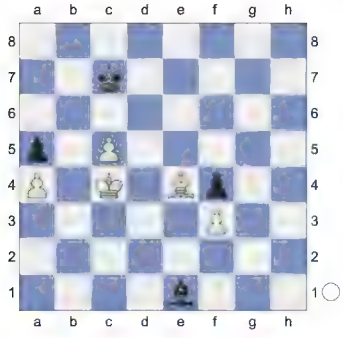
aiming for ...Nc3+. **41.Bd2 Nc3+** 1.40/22
[41...Ke6= -0.01/19]
42.Bxc3± Bxc3 Endgame KRB-KRB
43.Rd6+
[Much less strong is 43.Kxf4?! Bb2±]
43...Ke7 44.Bxc6 Rd8 Inhibits Rd7+.
45.Rxd8 0.76/22
[45.Kxf4?! Rxd6 46.cxd6+ Kxd6=]
[White should play 45.Kd5 1.37/25]
45...Kxd8



KB-KB **46.f3**
[But not 46.Kxf4 Bd4=]
46...Bd2 47.Kd4 Bc1

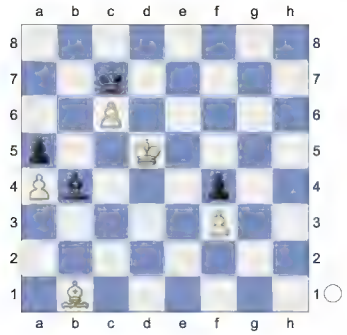


48.a4! Bd2 49.Kc4 Kc7 50.Be4 Be1

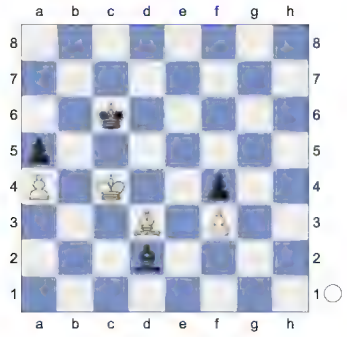


51.c6 0.01/40

[Better is 51.Kd4± 0.95/33]
51...Bd2 52.Kd4 Bc1 53.Kd5 Be3 54.Bf5 Bd2 55.Bb1 Bb4

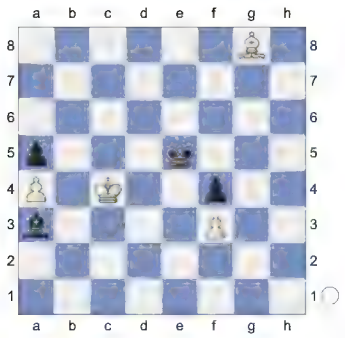


56.Be4 Bc3 0.92/37
[56...Be1± 0.40/36]
57.Bf5 0.01/30
[57.Kc5± 0.92/37]
57...Bd2= 58.Bb1 -0.01/31
[58.Bh7± 0.67/32]
58...Be1 0.67/33
[58...Bb4!= -0.01/31]
59.Bd3± Bd2 60.Kc4 -0.01/43
[60.Kc5± 0.95/30]
60...Kxc6=



The position is equal. **61.Bb1 Kd6 62.Ba2 Ke5 63.Kd3 Be3 64.Bg8 Bc5 65.Kc4 Ba3**

(Diagram)



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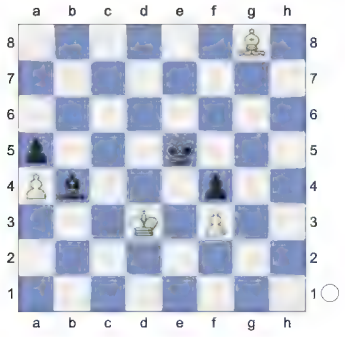

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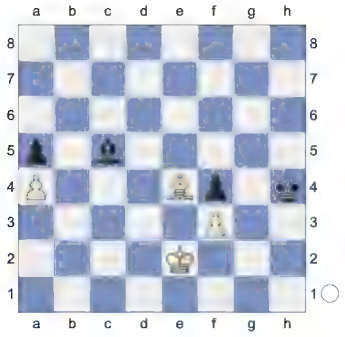
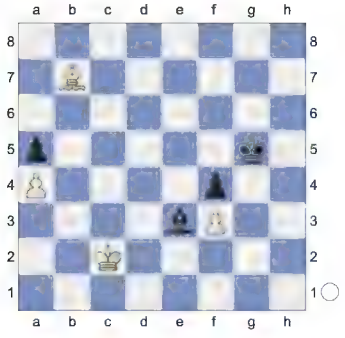


76.Ke1 Kg5 77.Kd1 Bg1 78.Kd2 Kh4 79.Bb7 Be3+ 80.Kc2 Kg5



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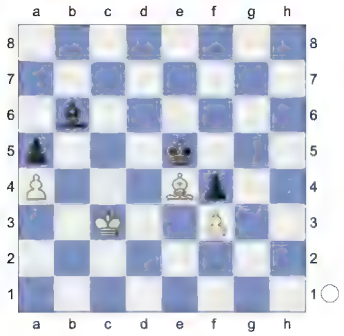
84.Kc3 Bb6 85.Be4 Ke5



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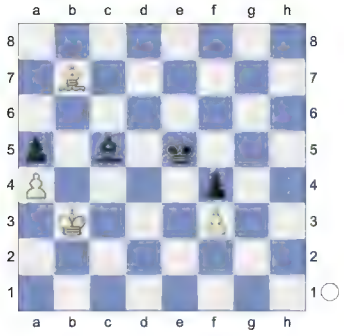

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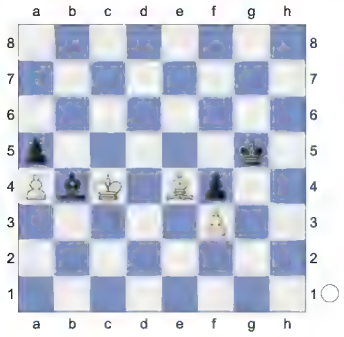

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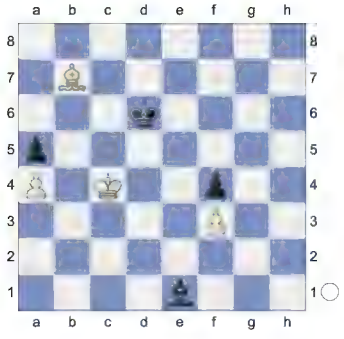
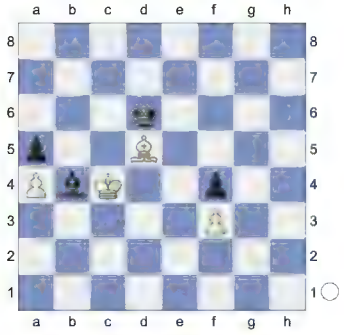
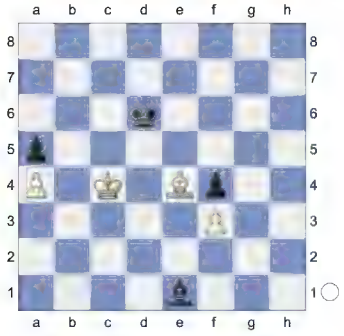


101.Kb5 Bb4 102.Be4 Kc7 103.Kc4 Kd6 104.Ba8 Ke6 105.Bd5+ Kd6



106.Bb7 Be1 107.Be4 Bb4 108.Bb1 Be1 109.Bf5 Bf2 110.Be4 Be1

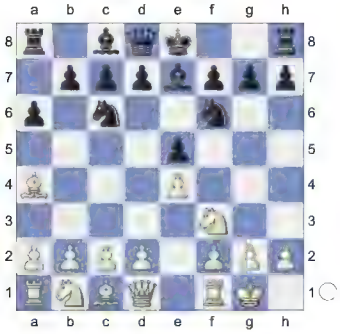


White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

100 **C89**
□ **Papp,Bence** **2278**
■ **Akhayan,Ruben** **2260**
Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd Apr Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C83: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 Be7 Ernest Kocem (Poland) later changed his name to Ernst Kotzem when he took German citizenship. We have filed all his other games under Kotzem but left the ones of the EU Team Ch as a cross-reference, because he represented Poland in that

event. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 8.a4 is more fashionable.8.a4 ist modischer. **8...d5 9.a4N** -0.70/20

[9.exd5± 0.50/19 Nxd5 10.a4]

[9.d4 Nxe4

A) 10.dxe5 Be6 11.Be3 *(11.Bc2 f5 12.exf6 Rxf6 13.Nbd2 Nxf2 14.Kxf2 Bc5+ 15.Kf1 Qd6 16.Rxe6 Qxh2 17.Rxf6 Qh1+ 18.Ke2 Qxg2+ 19.Kd3 gxf6 20.Nf1 Ne5+ 21.Nxe5 Qe4+ 22.Kd2 Qf4+ ½-½ (22) 6.f4 ♘bd7 7. a4 g6 8. ♘f3 î, ♗-Koenig,B Paracin 154/89 1968 Telechess CBM 108 [Dragan Solak])* 11...Na5 12.Nbd2 Nxb3 13.axb3 c5 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Nd2 Qd3 16.Qb1 Bf5 17.Rd1 Rfd8 18.Nf1 Qxd1 19.Qxd1 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Be6 21.Nd2 Rd8 22.Ra1 Rd5 23.Rxa6 h6 24.Kf1 Rxe5 Cvraman (2616)-danylo03 (2642) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (84);

B) 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 c6 12.Be3 f5 13.f3 Nc5 14.Bc2 f4 15.Bf2 Bf5 16.Nd2 Ne6 17.Nb3 Qd7 18.Nd4 Bxc2 19.Qxc2 c5 20.Nf5 g6 21.Nh6+ Kg7 22.Ng4 Rad8 23.Rad1 Qc6 Westerinen,H-Calvo Minguez,R Palma de Mallorca 1968 MAS C89 PB [Blatny, P] 1-0 (52) 24.h4 Rf5 25.Re2 h5 26.Nf6 c4 27.Qd2 Bc5 28.Bd4 Nxd4 29.cxd4 Be7 30.Rde1 Qb6 31.Kh2 Kf7 32.Nd7 Qe6 33.Nc5 Bxc5 34.dxc5 Qe7 35.e6+ Kg8 36.Kh3 d4 37.c6 d3 38.Re4 Rc8 Eolian,L-Nunes,N corr 1968 130 Colovic [Harikrishna,Pentala] 1-0 (52)]

9...dxe4∓ &Nero is more active.

[But not 9...Nxe4 10.axb5 Nb8 11.d3± *(11.Nxe5 Bb7±)*]

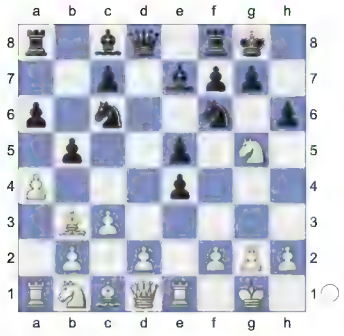
10.Ng5 -1.88/22

[10.axb5∓ -0.89/20 exf3 11.bxc6]

10...h6N -0.43/19

[Vorgänger: 10...Bg4 11.Qc2 Bf5 12.Bxf7+ -2.12/19 *(12.Nxe4* -1.73/17 is a better defense. *Nxe4 13.Rxe4)* 12...Rxf7-+ 13.Nxf7 Kxf7 14.Na3? -3.41/18 *(14.axb5* -1.72/20 *axb5 15.Rxa8 Qxa8 16.Qb3+ Kf8 17.Qxb5)* 14...Qd5 ...Bc5 is the strong threat. 15.b3 b4 16.Nc4 Bc5 17.Ne3 Bxe3 18.dxe3? -4.15/22 *(18.Rxe3* -2.59/21 *Qe6 19.Qd1)* 18...Qd3-+ 19.Qxd3 1-0 Andrasiunas, K-Meurs,T (1645) WS TT/1 Marshall Attack email 2007]

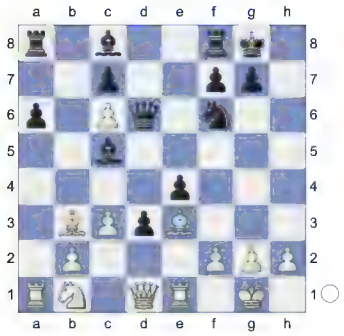
[Black should try 10...Bg4-+ -1.88/22 11.Bxf7+ Rxf7]



11.axb5∓ Black is slightly better. **11...hxg5 12.bxc6 Bc5 13.d4 exd3** Hoping for ...Ng4. **14.Bxg5 Qd6** Strongly threatening ...Ng4. **15.Be3** -1.15/20

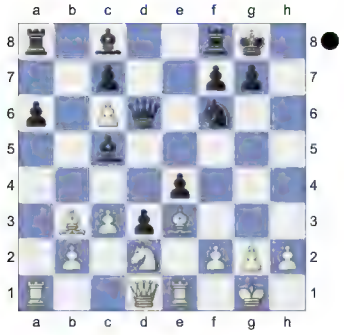
[15.Nd2∓ -0.55/21 Bg4 16.Qc1]

15...e4∓



16.Nd2 -2.27/20

[16.h3∓ -1.11/19 was worth a try.]



16...Bxe3 -1.08/20

[16...Ng4!-+ -2.27/20 and Black stays clearly on top. 17.Nf1 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Rb8]

17.Rxe3 Qxc6 18.Nxe4 -2.44/20

Loses the game. **18...Nxe4-+ 19.Qf3?** -4.09/22

[19.Qxd3 -2.54/19 Bb7 20.Ba4]

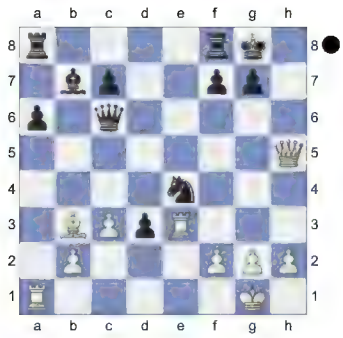
19...Bb7

[And not 19...Rb8 20.Ba4 Qf6 21.Rxe4∓]

20.Qh5 -9.39/21

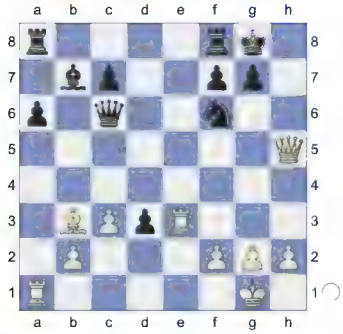
[20.Rxd3 -3.62/18 Qb6 21.Bd5 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 Qxb2 23.Re1]

(Diagram)



20...Nf6? -3.51/21

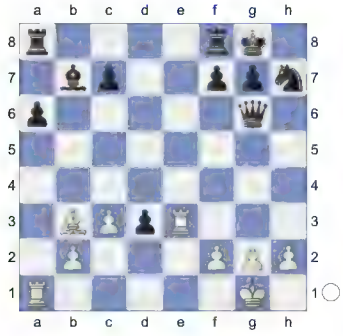
[20...Nc5 -9.39/21 21.Bd5 Qxd5 22.Qxd5 Bxd5]



21.Qg5 Nh7 22.Qg6 -20.01/21

[⌓22.Qg4 -4.28/18 d2 23.Ba4]

22...Qxg6



Weighted Error Value: White=1.51/Black=0.66

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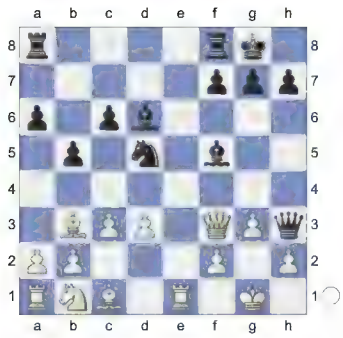
101 **C89**
□ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2690**
■ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2637**
Grand Prix Bucharest 2024 rapid (9.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 0.13 **e5** 0.17 **2.Nf3** 0.21 **Nc6** 0.13 **3.Bb5** 0.21 **a6** 0.21 **4.Ba4** 0.31 **Nf6** 0.14 **5.0-0** 0.24 **Be7** 0.19

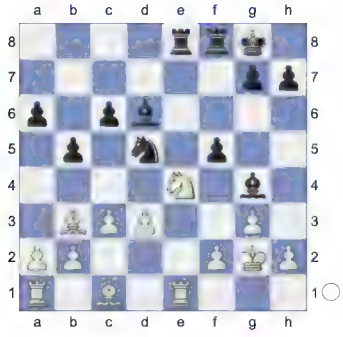
6.Re1 0.46 **b5** 0.33 **7.Bb3** 0.16 **0-0** 0.02 **8.c3** 0.32 **d5** 0.17 **9.exd5** 0.19 **Nxd5** 0.12 **10.Nxe5** 0.18 **Nxe5** 0.38

11.Rxe5 0.44 **c6** 0.05 **12.d3** 0.21 **Bd6** 0.18 **13.Re1** 0.29 **Bf5!** 0.22 13...Bf5 scores better than 13...Qh4. 13...Lf5 punktet besser als 13...Dh4. **14.Qf3** 0.25 **Qh4** 0.22 **15.g3** 0.28
[Reject 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3 0.27

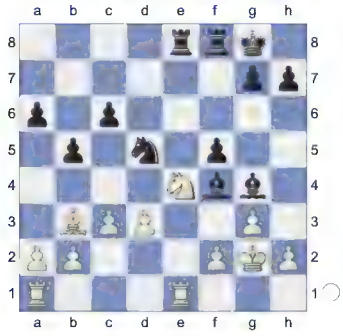
(Diagram)



16.Nd2 0.08 **Rae8** 0.09 White is slightly better. **17.Ne4** 0.11 **Bg4** 0.01 **18.Qg2** 0.01 **Qxg2+** -0.33/5
[18...Qh5= 0.23/22]
19.Kxg2∓ 0.11 **f5** 0.09



20.Bf4! 0.00 **Bxf4** 0.00

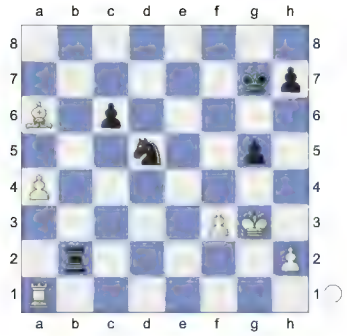


21.gxf4 0.00 **fxe4** 0.01 **22.dxe4** 0.02 Pin **22...Bf3+!** 0.06 **23.Kxf3** 0.09 **Rxf4+** 0.00 **24.Kg3** 0.00 **Rfxe4** 0.00 **25.Rxe4** 0.02 **Rxe4=** 0.03

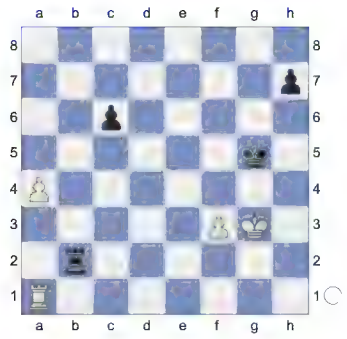
(Diagram)

Endgame KRB-KRN **26.f3** 0.00 **Re2N** 0.60/23
[26...Re6= 0.15/23 is superior.]
[26...Re5 27.c4 bxc4 28.Bxc4 a5 29.Rc1 Rg5+ *(29...Kf8 30.Bxd5 Rg5+ 31.Kf4 Rxd5 32.Rxc6 Rd2 33.Ra6 Rxh2 34.Rxa5 Rxb2 35.a4 Kf7 36.Kf5 g6+ 37.Ke5 Re2+ 38.Kf4 h5 39.Ra7+* ½-½ (39) Levano Loayza,A (2735)-Wohl,R (2738) Sverige (ch) 153/8 2005 CBM 003 [Kozlov]*)* 30.Kf2 Rh5 *(30...Kf8 31.Bd3 Rh5 32.Kg3 Rg5+ 33.Kf2 Rh5 34.Kg3* ½-½ (34) Petrosyan,M (2604)-Sargissian,G (2686) Douglas 2023*)* 31.Bb3 a4 32.Bxa4 Rxh2+ 33.Kg3 Rxb2 34.Bb3 Kf8 35.Rxc6 Nb4 36.Rc8+ Ke7 37.Ra8 g5 38.Ra7+ Kf6 39.Rf7+ Ke5 40.Re7+ Kf6 41.Re6+ Naiditsch,A (2626)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2670) Pori Barcares 2005 EXT 2015 [Primel,Dominique] ½-½ (41)]
27.c4± 0.11 **bxc4** 0.13 **28.Bxc4** 0.35 **Rxb2** 0.00 **29.Bxa6** 0.00 **g5** 0.01 **30.a4** 0.05 **Kg7** 0.07

(Diagram)



31.h4 0.33/20
[31.a5± 0.76/23]
31...Kf6 0.00 **32.Bf1N** 0.05 next a5 is good for White.
[Vorgänger: 32.a5 -0.01/18 32.hxg5+ 0.36 Nf4! 33.Bf1! Against Rg2+. Black must now prevent a6. Kf5! 34.Bh3+ ½-½ Sherwood,R (2367)-Visloguzov,V (2375) olm22 sf05 email 2020 [6]]
32...Ne3 0.00 **33.Bd3** 0.00 **Nf5+** 0.00 **34.Bxf5** 0.00 **Kxf5** 0.00 **35.hxg5** 0.00 **Kxg5=** 0.00



KR-KR **36.Rc1** 0.00 **Rb6** 0.69/25
[⌓36...Ra2 0.34/27]
37.Rc5+!± 0.02 **Kf6** 0.05 **38.a5** 0.03 **Ra6** 0.00 **39.Kf4** 0.01 **Ke6** 0.02 **40.Ke4** 0.03 **Kd6** 0.05

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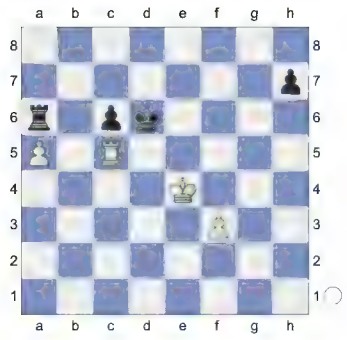


41.Rh5 0.02 **Ra7** 0.04

42.f4! 0.07 **Re7+** 1.81/23 '??' Blunder. Ra8 was best.

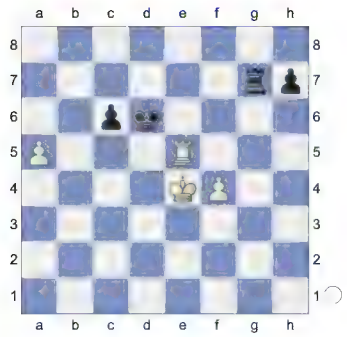
[42...Ra8± 0.59/21 43.Kd4 Ke6 44.Kc3 Kf6 45.Kb4 Kg6 46.Rc5 Ra6 47.Kc4 Kf6 48.Rg5 Kf7 49.Kb4]

43.Re5? 0.01/23 '??' Blunder. Kd4 was best.

[43.Kd4+- 1.81/23 Rf7 44.f5 c5+ 45.Kc4 Rb7 46.Rh6+ Ke5 47.a6 Ra7 48.Kxc5 Kxf5 49.Kb6 Rg7]

43...Rg7 0.85/20

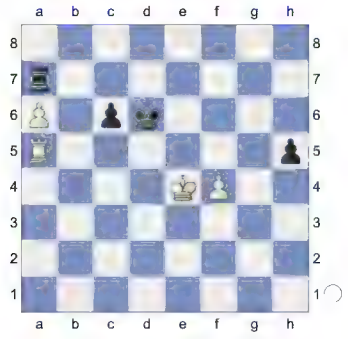
[43...Rb7!= 0.01/23]



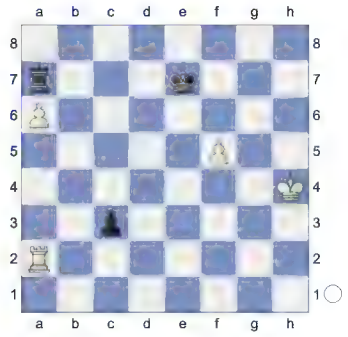
44.a6 0.01/24

[44.Rf5!± 0.85/20]

44...Ra7= 0.00 **45.Ra5** 0.00 **h5** 0.00



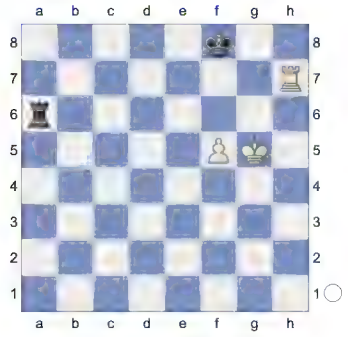
46.f5 0.00 **h4** 0.00 **47.Kf4** 0.00 And now Kg4 would win. **47...c5** 0.00 **48.Kg4** 0.00 **c4** 0.00 **49.Kxh4** 0.00 aiming for Kg5. **49...c3** 0.00 **50.Ra2** 0.00 **Ke7** 0.00



51.Kg5 0.00 Hoping for Kg6. **51...Kf7** 0.00

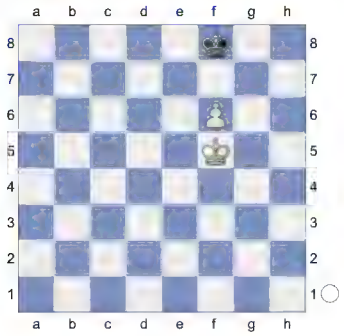
[51...c2? 52.f6+ Kd7 53.Rxc2 Rxa6 54.Kg6+-]

52.Rc2 0.00 **Rxa6** 0.00 **53.Rxc3** 0.00 **Rb6** 0.00 **54.Rc7+** 0.00 **Kf8** 0.00 **55.Rh7** 0.00 **Ra6** 0.00

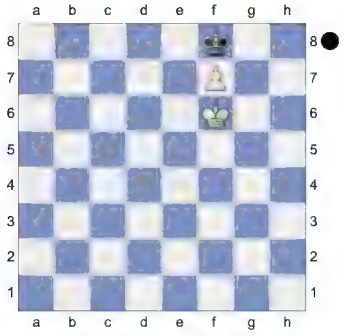


The position is equal. **56.Rh6** 0.00 **Rxh6** 0.00 **57.Kxh6** 0.00 KP-K **57...Kf7** 0.00 **58.Kg5** 0.00 **Kg7** 0.00 **59.f6+** 0.00

Kf7 0.00 **60.Kf5** 0.00 **Kf8** 0.00



61.Kg6 Threatening mate with f7.
61...Kg8 62.f7+ Kf8 63.Kf6



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½-½

102 **C89**
□ **Santos Latasa,J** **2650**
■ **Eljanov,P** **2695**
Bundesliga 2023-24 (9.2) 23.02.2024
[KittybKat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Blatny,Pavel: 'RR: 'Inf 70/(333)" Adla,Diego Gustavo: 'Adla,D: '49/402 ' Adla,D: 'Inf 49/402" **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Na3 b4 15.cxb4N
[15.Nc4 bxc3 16.Na5
A) 16...Bxd4 17.Rxe8+ *(17.Nxb7 Qf6 18.Rf1 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxa1 22.Rxa1 Re5 23.Bf3 Rb8 24.a4 g5 25.h3 Rf5 26.Be4 Re5 27.Bf3 Rf5 28.Rb1 a5 29.Rb3 Rf4 30.Rb5 h6 31.Nxa5 Re8* Servat,R (2455)-Adla,D (2335) Buenos Aires 1990 CI1-130 [Adla, Diego Gustavo] ½-½ (39) *)*
17...Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7 Qf6 29.Qc4 Re1 30.Nc5 Qa1 31.Qf4 Hansen,C (2605)-Hector,J (2500) Malmö 1997 CBM 060 [Blatny,Pavel] 1-0 (41);
B) 16...Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Qe8 18.Qf1 Bc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6

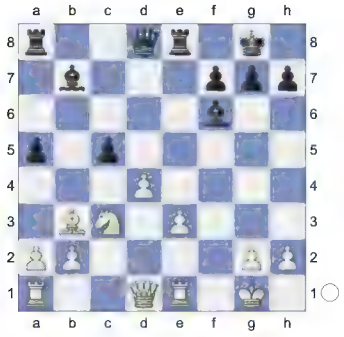
20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.bxc3 c5 22.Be3 cxd4 23.cxd4 a5 24.a4 Rb8 25.Rc1 h6 26.h3 Rb4 27.Rc8+ Kh7 28.Qd3+ g6 29.Rc5 Qd6 Schloegel,M-Mackintosh,I ICCF Postal 2003 ½-½ (34)]

15...Nxb4

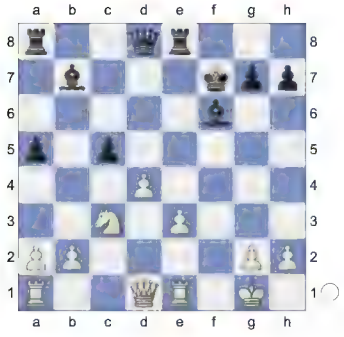
16.Be3 a5 17.Nb5

[17.Qh5 Qd7=]

17...Nd5 18.Nc3 Nxe3 19.fxe3 c5



20.Bxf7+! Kxf7



21.Qb3+ Kf8!

[Don't play 21...Kg6 22.Qxb7 cxd4 23.Nd5±]

22.Qxb7 cxd4 23.Nd5 0.01/21

[23.exd4± 0.41/21 is superior. Qxd4+ 24.Kh1]

23...Rb8= 24.Qc6 aiming for Nc7.

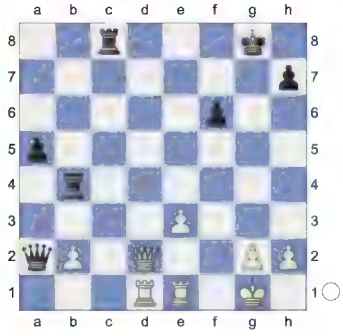
24...Kg8 0.85/20

[24...dxe3= -0.01/19 25.Nc7 *(25.Nxe3 Bxb2 26.Rf1+ Kg8=; 25.Rxe3 Bd4∓)* 25...e2]

25.Nxf6+ gxf6 1.25/22

[⌓25...Qxf6 0.82/23 26.Qc4+ Kh8]

26.Rad1 Qb6 27.Qd5+ Qe6 28.Qxd4 Rb4 29.Qc3 Rc8 30.Qd2 Qxa2

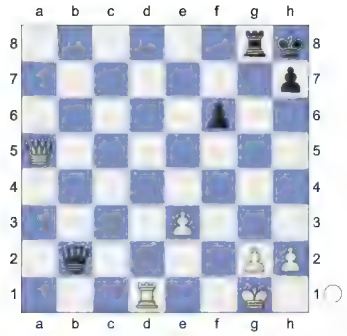


31.Qd7 Rf8 32.Re2 0.77/20 &Bianco is more active.

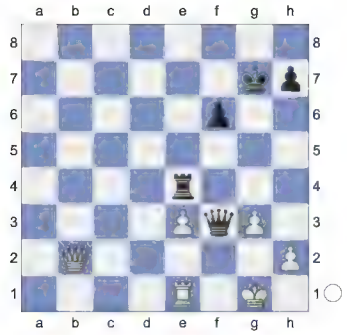
[⌓32.Qh3 1.27/19 Hoping for Rd7. Rb7 33.Rd2]

32...Rxb2± 33.Rxb2 Qxb2 Endgame KQR-KQR **34.Qd5+ Kh8 35.Qxa5 Rg8**

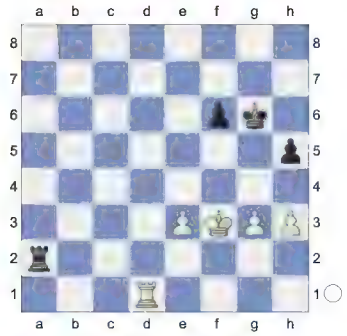
(Diagram)



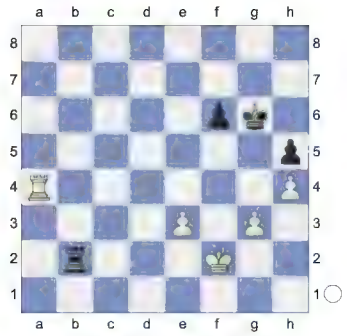
36.g3 Qe2 37.Re1 Qf3 38.Qd2 Re8 39.Qd4 Re4 40.Qb2 Kg7



41.Qf2 Qxf2+ 42.Kxf2± KR-KR **42...Ra4 43.Kf3 h5 44.Rd1 Ra2 45.h3 Kg6**



46.Rd4 Rh2 47.Ra4 Rh1 48.Kg2 Re1 49.Kf2 Rb1 50.h4 Rb2+



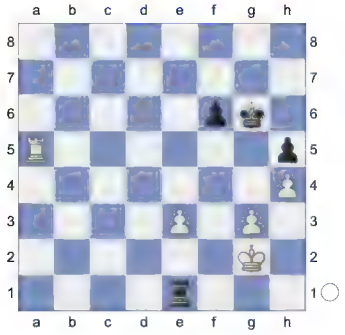
51.Kf3 Rh2 52.Ra5 Rh1 53.Kg2 Re1 54.Kf3 -0.01/28

[54.Kf2± 0.60/28 Rb1 55.Rd5]

54...Rh1!= 55.Kg2 -0.01/29 Inhibits Rg1+.

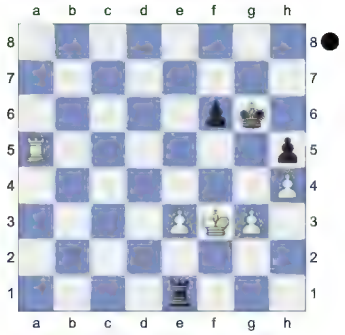
[55.Rc5± 0.60/26]

55...Re1



56.Kf3 -0.01/39

[White should play 56.Ra3± 0.60/28]



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½-½

103 **C89**

□ **Agasarov,Benik** **2340**

■ **Babujian,Levon** **2346**

Yerevan Margaryan Memorial GM (5)

[Kitty Kat]

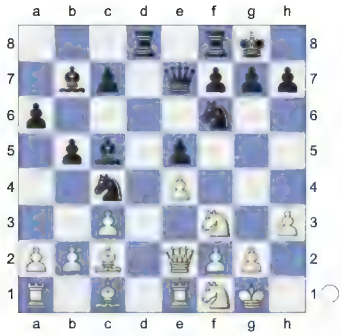
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

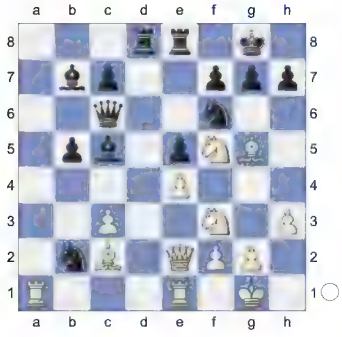
6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3
[8.Nc3 d6 9.a3 Rb8 10.Be3 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Nd5 c4 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.h3 Be6 16.b4 Rfc8 17.c3 cxd3 18.Qxd3 Bxa2 19.Rxa2 d5 20.Nd2 Qe6 21.Raa1 Ne7 22.Bc5 Ng6 0-1 Annakov,B (2708)-Molina,R (2850) EU-chT (Men) 2003 (6.1)]
8...d5 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Re1N
[10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1 Nf4 12.Bc2 Nxd3 13.Bxd3 Qxd3 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Bd6 16.Re3 Qg6 17.Qf1 Rfe8 18.Nb3 c5 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Be3 Qh5 21.g3 Qf3 0-1 Rose,F (2091)-Zenelaj,S (2290) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (2)]
10...dxe4

11.dxe4 Bc5 12.h3 Qe7 13.Nf1 Rad8
White has an edge. **14.Qe2 Na5 15.Bc2 Nc4**

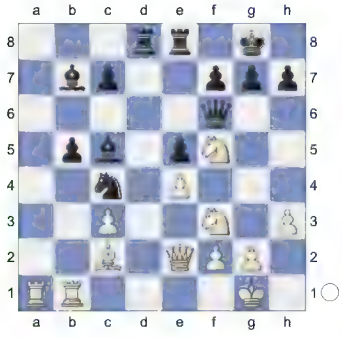
(Diagram)



16.Ng3 Qe6 17.a4 Rfe8 18.Nf5 Qc6 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bg5 Nxb2? 2.86/23
[20...h6= 0.24/19 and Black is okay. 21.Bxf6 Qxf6]



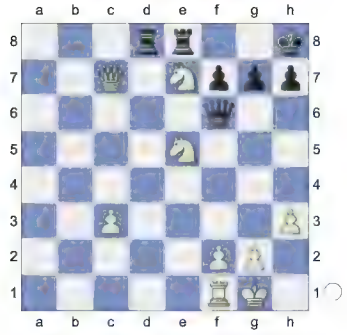
Black is on the road to losing. **21.Bxf6+- Qxf6 22.Reb1 Nc4**



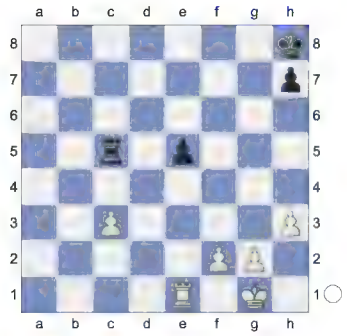
...Nc4-a3 would now be deadly. **23.Rxb5 Qc6 24.Rxb7**
[24.Qxc4 Bxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Qxc4-+]
24...Qxb7 25.Qxc4 Qb2 4.42/22
[25...Qb6 2.87/21 was called for. 26.Rf1 c6]

(Diagram)

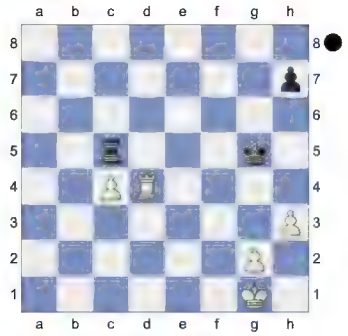
26.Rf1 Qxc2 27.Qxc5 Qxe4 28.Ne7+ Excellent horsemanship. **28...Kh8** 6.98/24
[⌓28...Kf8 4.36/23]
29.Nxe5
[29.Qxe5 Rxe7 30.Qc5 Red7∓]
29...Qf4 30.Qxc7 Qf6



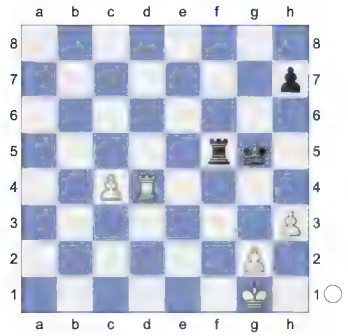
Prevents Ne5-g6+. **31.N7c6 Rc8 32.Qxf7 Rxe5 33.Qxf6**
[33.Nxe5 Qxe5 34.c4 Qb8+-]
33...gxf6 34.Nxe5 fxe5 Endgame. KR-KR **35.Re1 Rc5** 3.83/26
[35...Rxc3 2.70/26 was worth a try. 36.Rxe5 Kg7]



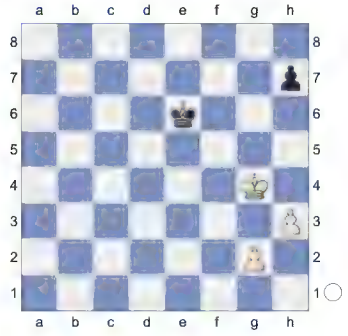
36.Re4 Kg7 37.c4 Kf6 38.f4 exf4 39.Rxf4+ Kg5 40.Rd4



aiming for Rd4-d5+. **40...Rf5** 9.76/24
[⌓40...Kf6 4.03/23 41.Kf2 h5]

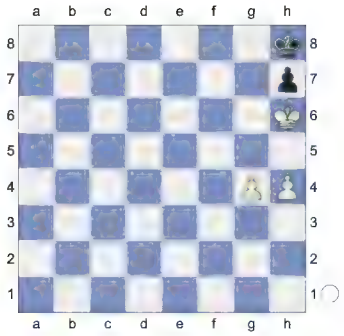


41.Rd5 Rxd5 42.cxd5 KP-KP **42...Kf5 43.Kf2 Ke5 44.Kg3 Kxd5** KPP-KP **45.Kg4** 19.26/26 **Ke6**

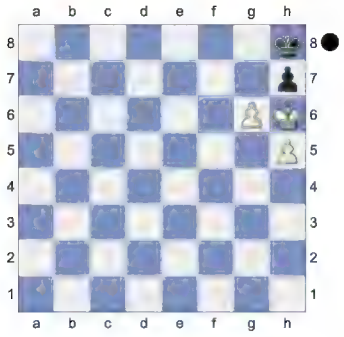


46.Kg5 Kf7 47.Kh6 White threatens h3-h4! and mate. **47...Kg8 48.g3 Kh8 49.g4 Kg8 50.h4 Kh8**

(Diagram)



51.g5 Kg8 52.h5 Kh8 53.g6



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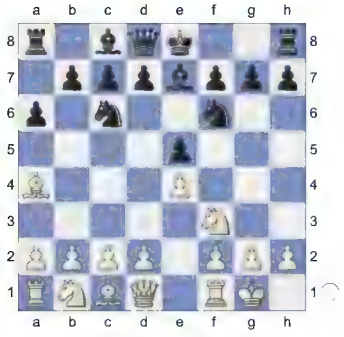
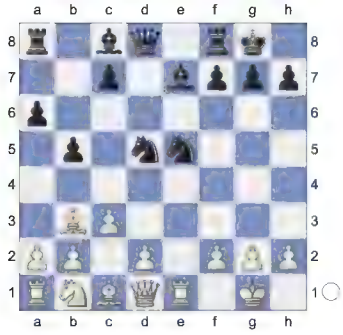
104 **C89**
□ **Dragnev,Valentin** **2589**
■ **Sargissian,G** **2686**
24th European Teams (3.8) 13.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

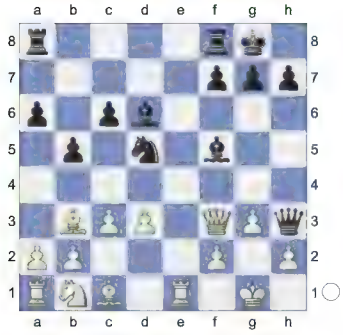
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



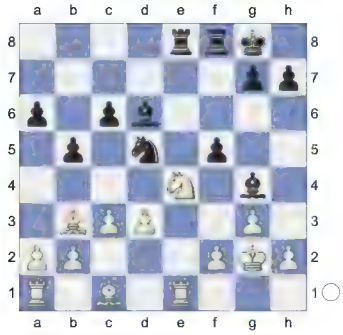
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[Much worse is 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



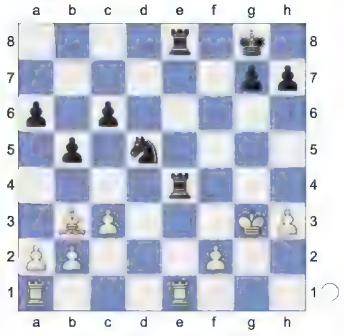
16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5



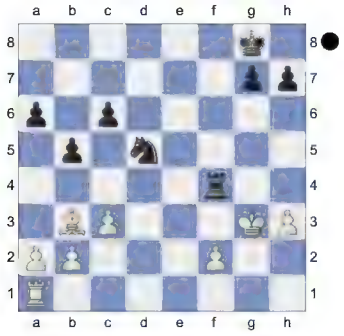
20.h3! Bh5
[Don't play 20...fxe4 21.hxg4 exd3 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Be3±]

(Diagram)

21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4 aiming for Bxd5+. **22...fxe4 23.dxe4** Pin **23...Bf3+! 24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4**



The position is equal. **26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Kf3 Rf4+ 28.Kg3 Re4 29.Kf3 Rf4+ 30.Kg3N**



Strongly threatening Bxd5+. **30...Re4!**

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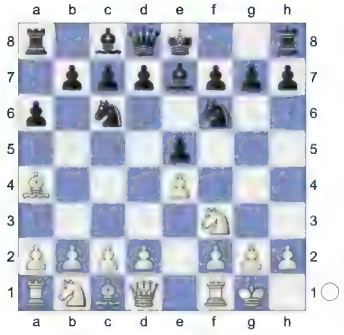
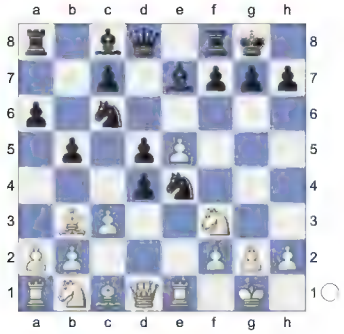
½-½

105 **C89**
□ **Nikitosikbot** **2960**
■ **Catriever** **2520**
Rapid 08.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

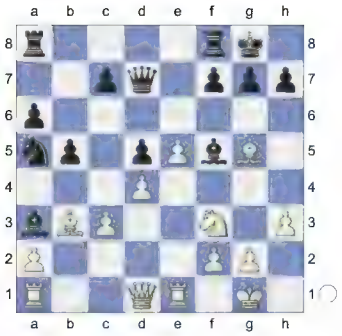


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 exd4 10.e5 Ne4

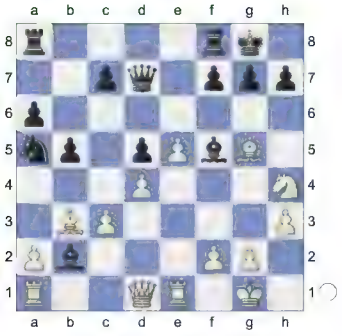


11.cxd4 Bf5 12.h3 The position is equal. **12...Qd7 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Na5 15.Bg5 Ba3N**

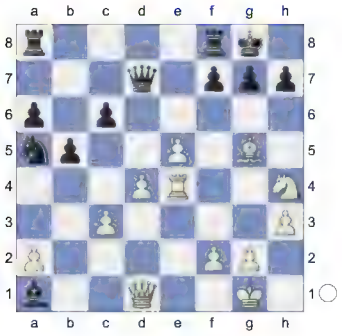
[15...Bxg5 16.Nxg5 Nxb3 17.axb3 h6 18.Nf3 a5 Sulskis,S (2544)-Adams,M (2728) Plovdiv 2010 CI1-130 [RR]]



16.Nh4 Bb2 1.35/21
[Black should try 16...Be4± 0.37/19]



17.Bxd5!± c6
[17...Be6 18.Bxa8]
18.Be4
[But not 18.Nxf5? Qxf5 19.Qb1 Qxg5-+]
18...Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Bxa1? 3.60/21
[19...Bxc3± 1.25/19 20.Rc1 Bb2]



20.Bf6!+- gxf6
[20...Bxc3 21.Rg4 g6 22.Qc1 Bxd4 23.Qh6 Bxf2+ 24.Kh2]

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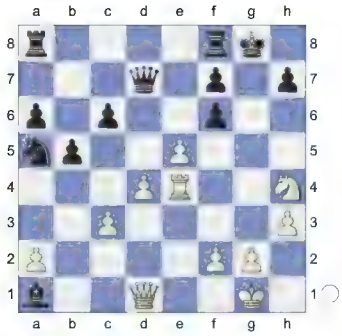
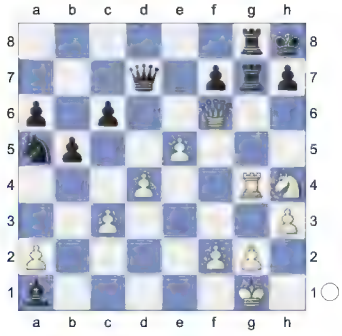
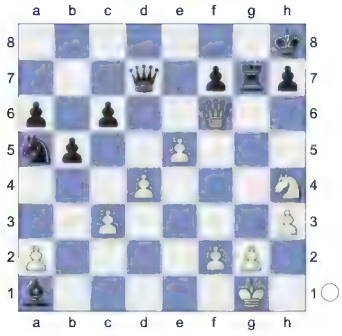


21.Qh5 Kh8 22.Qh6 Rg8
[22...fxe5 gets mated. 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Rg4+]
23.Qxf6+ Rg7 24.Rg4 Rag8

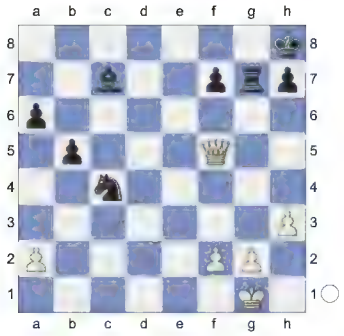


And now ...Qd8 would win. **25.Rxg7! Rxg7**

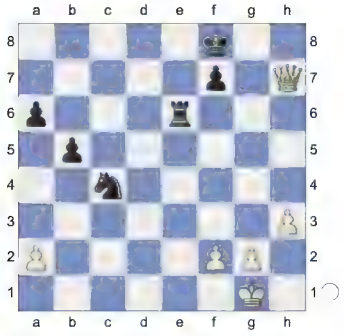


26.Nf5 Qxf5 27.Qxf5 Black must now prevent e6. Dancing on a razor blade. **27...Bxc3 28.d5 Nc4 29.dxc6** aiming for c7. **29...Bxe5 30.c7** Decoy **30...Bxc7**

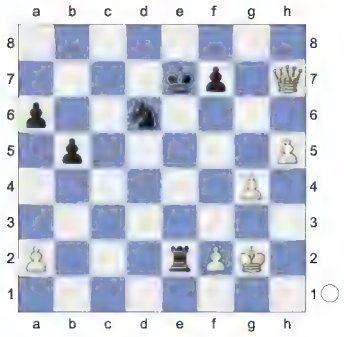
(Diagram)



31.Qc8+ Rg8 32.Qxc7 Endgame KQ-KRN **32...Kg7 33.Qg3+ Kf8 34.Qh4 Rg6 35.Qxh7 Re6**



36.h4 Ke7 37.h5 Re1+ 38.Kh2 Re5 39.g4 Re2 40.Kg2 Nd6



41.h6 Qd3 is the strong threat. **41...Re6 42.Qg7 Rg6 43.Qe5+ Re6 44.Qg5+ f6 45.Qg7+ Nf7**

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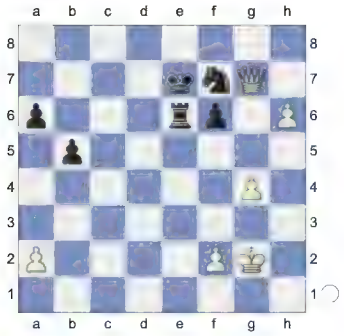
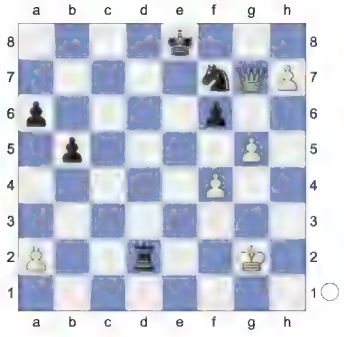


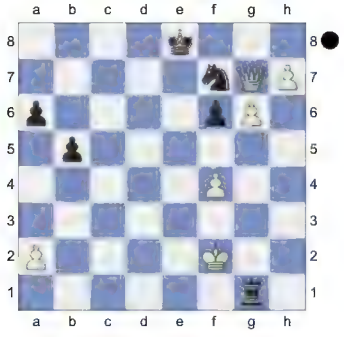
46.h7 Ke8 47.Qg8+ Ke7 48.Qg7? -0.01/21

[48.h8Q+- 8.80/22 Intending Qf8+ and mate. Nxh8 49.Qxh8]

48...Ke8= 49.f4 Rd6 50.g5 Rd2+



51.Kg3 Rd1 52.g6 Rg1+ 53.Kf2



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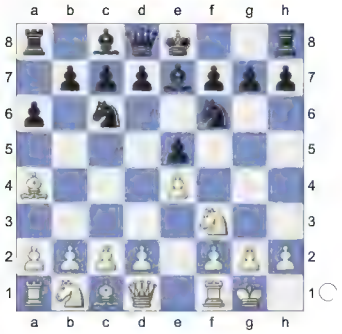
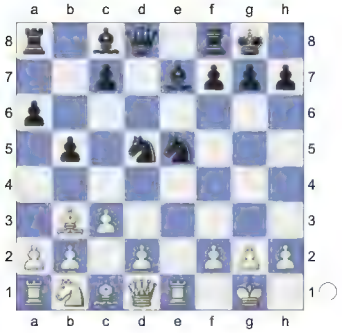
106 **C89**
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2484**
■ **Aradhya,Garg** **2344**
Qatar Masters op (7) 18.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

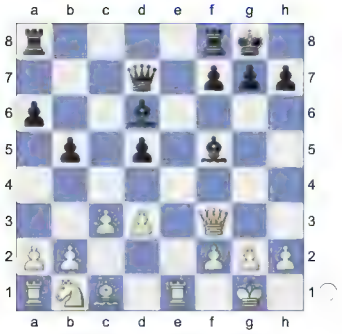
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

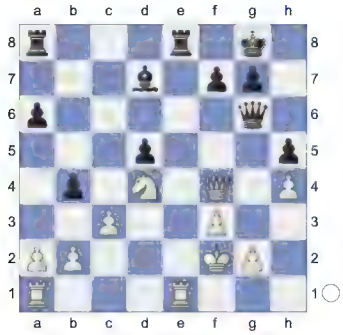


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qd7 0.54/22
[14...Re8= 0.04/21 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8]
15.Bxd5± cxd5



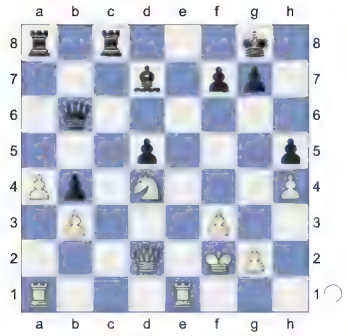
16.Bf4! Bxf4 White is slightly better.
17.Qxf4 Bxd3 18.Nd2 Rfe8 19.Nb3
Black must now prevent Nb3-c5.
19...Qf5N 1.21/20
[19...Bg6± 0.60/20]
[19...Qc6 20.Qd2 Bg6 21.Nd4 Qd6 22.h3 h6 23.Re2 Re4 24.Rae1 Rae8 Louvrier Saint Mary,J (2654)-Jud,M (2588) COL-ch Fusagasuga 1999]
20.Qd2 0.65/21
[20.Qg3± 1.21/20]
20...Qg6

21.Nd4 h5 22.h4 Be4 1.14/23
[⌓22...b4 0.76/20]
23.f3
[23.Qg5 simplifies f6 24.Qxg6 Bxg6 25.a3]
23...Bf5 24.Kf2 0.80/23
[⌓24.a3 1.23/21]
24...Bd7 25.Qf4 b4

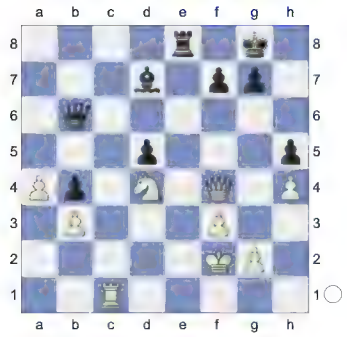


26.cxb4 Qb6 27.Qd2 Reb8 28.a3 a5 29.b3 0.92/22
[29.Re7?! Qd6 30.Rae1 axb4=]
[⌓29.Qf4 1.35/22]

29...axb4± 30.a4 Rc8

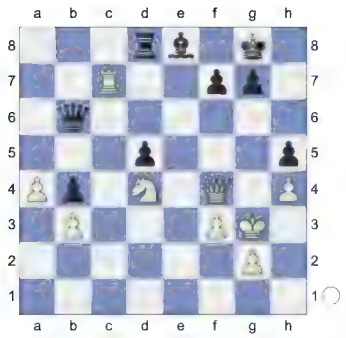


31.Rec1 0.48/20
[31.Qf4± 0.96/20]
31...Re8 1.08/22
[31...Qd6± 0.48/20]
32.Qf4 Re7 1.53/22
[⌓32...Rec8 0.76/22]
33.Re1 Rae8 1.84/25
[33...Ree8± 1.26/22 34.Kg3 Rxe1 35.Rxe1 Qc5]
34.Rxe7 Rxe7 35.Rc1→ 1.04/23
White is out for blood.
[Better is 35.a5+- 1.87/22 Qc5 36.Kg3]
35...Re8? 3.02/23
[35...f6± 1.04/23 keeps fighting. 36.Rc7 Kf8]

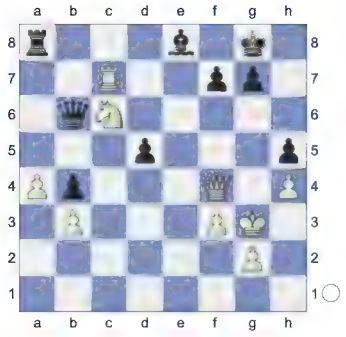


36.Rc7+- Rd8 4.73/24
[36...Re7 2.39/21 37.Kg3 Qg6+ 38.Kh2 Kh8]
37.Kg3 Threatens to win with Nd4-c6!
37...Be8

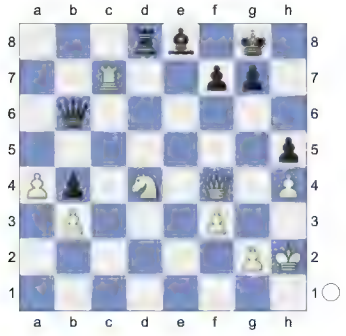
(Diagram)



38.Nc6! Discovered Attack, Double Attack **38...Ra8**



39.Kh2! d4 40.Nxd4
[40.a5 Qa6 41.Nxd4 *(41.Nxb4 Qxa5 42.Nc6 Qb6±; 41.Ne7+ Kf8+-)* 41...Qxa5+-]
40...Rd8



41.Re7! Kf8 42.Nf5 Qb8 43.Rc7 Rd7

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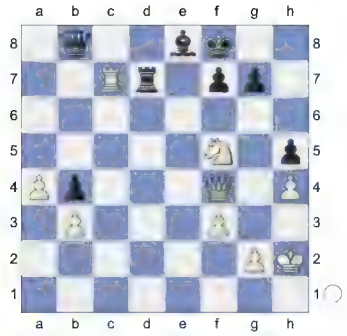
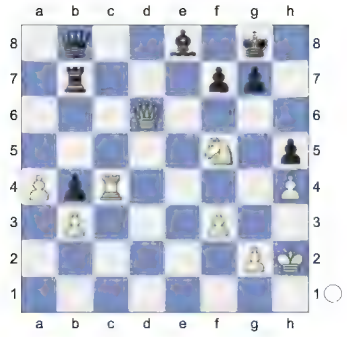
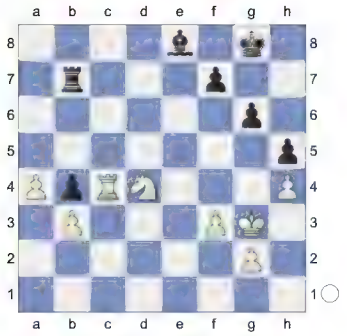


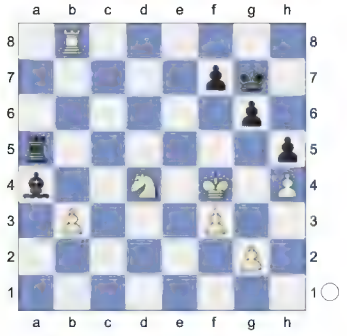
44.Rc4
[44.Nxg7 Kxg7 *(44...Qxc7? 45.Ne6+ Ke7 46.Nxc7+-)* 45.Qe5+ Kf8 46.Qc5+ Kg8 47.Qg5+ Kh7 *(47...Kf8 48.Qc5+ Kg8 49.Qg5+ Kf8 50.Qc5+=)* 48.Qf5+ *(48.Qxh5+ Kg8=)* 48...Kg7 49.Qe5+ Kg8 50.Qg5+ Kf8 51.Qc5+= Kg7 52.Qg5+ Kh7 *(52...Kf8 53.Qc5+=)* 53.Qxh5+ Kg8 54.Qg5+ Kh8 55.Qh6+ Kg8 56.Qg5+ Kh8 57.Qh5+ Kg8= 58.Qg5+=]
44...Rb7 45.Qd6+ Kg8



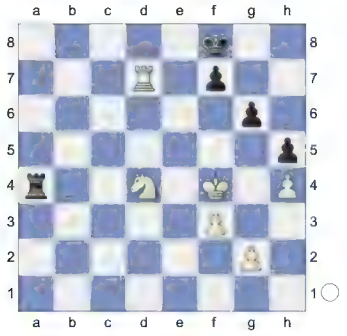
46.Qxb8
[Resist 46.a5 Bd7+-]
46...Rxb8!= -0.01/21 and Black is okay. Endgame. KRB-KRN **47.Rc7**
[47.Ne7+ Kf8]
47...Rd8 48.Rc4? -0.01/21
[White should play 48.Rb7+- 4.09/24]
48...g6? 4.22/23 **49.Nd4 Rb8 50.Kg3 Rb7** 6.86/24
[⌓50...Kg7 4.02/23 51.Nb5 Bd7 *(51...Bxb5? 52.Rxb4* Pin *Ra8 53.Rxb5+-)*]



51.Rc8 White is clearly winning.
51...Re7 52.Rb8 Kg7 53.Rxb4 Ra7 54.Kf4 Ra5 55.Rb8 Bxa4



56.bxa4 Rxa4 KRN-KR **57.Ke5 Ra2 58.Rb7 Ra5+ 59.Kf4 Ra4 60.Rd7 Kf8**



61.Kg3 Ke8 62.Rd5 Kf8 63.Ne2 Kg7 64.Rd7 Rc4 65.Nf4 Kf6

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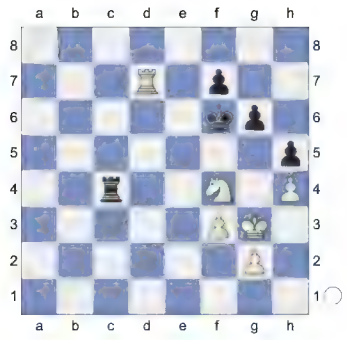
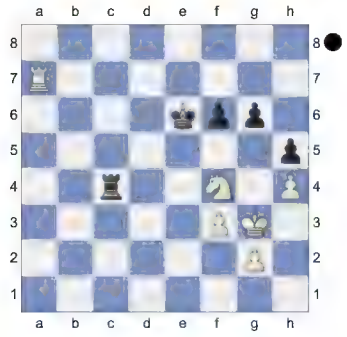


66.Nh3 Ke6 67.Ra7 f6 68.Nf4+



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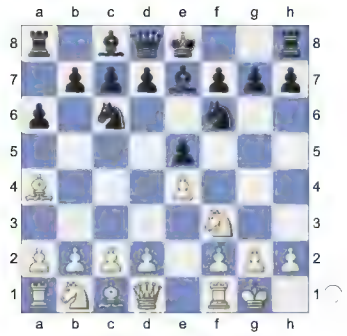
107 **C89**
□ **Gurel,Ediz** **2514**
■ **Panesar,Vedant** **2372**
AI Cup Play In rapid (8) 18.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.Qf3 Bd6 13.Bxd5 c6 14.Re1! is more profitable than 14.Re2 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 14. Te2. is more profitable than 14.Re2 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 14. Te2. **14...cxd5 15.d4 Qc7**
[15...Re8 16.Be3 Qc7 17.g3 b4 18.cxb4 Bxb4 19.Rc1 Qd7 20.a3 Bf8 21.Nd2 a5 22.Nb3 a4 23.Nc5 Bxc5 24.Rxc5 Rac8 25.Rac1 Ba6 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Rxc8+ Bxc8 28.Qf4 h6 29.Qb8 Qf5 30.b3 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2736)-Carlsen,M (2859) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (3.16)]

16.h3N White is slightly better.
[16.g3 Rae8 17.Be3 Re6 18.Nd2 Rfe8 19.Re2 a5 20.Rae1 b4 21.Bf4 bxc3 22.Rxe6 fxe6 23.bxc3 Bxf4 24.gxf4 Bc8 25.Nb3 Rf8 26.Re5 Rf6 27.h3 h6 28.f5 exf5 29.Qxd5+ Kh7 30.Nc5 Rg6+ 1-0 Karthikeyan,M

(2627)-Dubov,D (2708) Armageddon Asia&Oceania Lose blitz 2023 (1.1)]

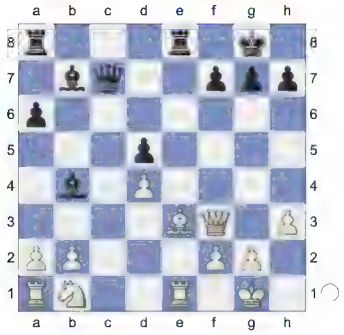
16...Rfe8 17.Be3N

[Vorgänger: 17.Rxe8+ Rxe8 18.Bd2 0.09/21 Inhibits Re8-e1+. *(18.Be3± 0.55/22)* 18...Bc8 19.Na3 Re6 20.Nc2 Rf6 21.Qe2 Rg6 22.Qf3 -0.01/20 *(22.Qe8+± 0.40/21 Bf8 23.Qe3)* 22...Rf6!= 23.Qe2 -0.01/27 ;0-1 Wilshusen,H (1434)-Firsching,G (2117) GER T222-C89-S email 2015 0-1 Wilshusen,H (1434)-Firsching,G (2117) GER T222-C89-S email 2015 *(23.Qe3± 0.39/20 might be stronger.)*]

17...b4 0.92/20

[17...h6± 0.47/21 feels stronger.]

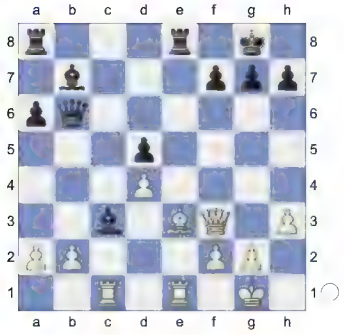
18.cxb4± Bxb4



19.Nc3! Bxc3

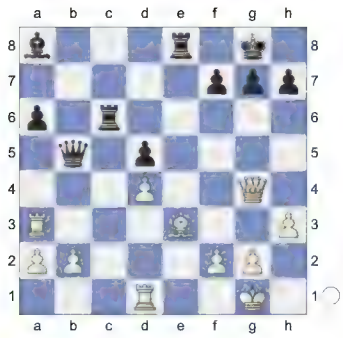
[19...Qb6 20.Rec1]

20.Rac1 Pin **20...Qb6**



Double Attack **21.Rxc3 Rac8 22.Rb3 Qa5 23.Rd1 Ba8 24.Ra3 Qb5 25.Qg4 Rc6**

(Diagram)



Inhibits Be3-h6. **26.Rb3 Qa4** 1.61/21

[26...Qa5± 1.22/24 keeps fighting.]

27.Qd7+- Rf8 2.15/21 Black is weak on the dark squares

[27...Rc4± 1.48/22 28.Qxa4 Rxa4]

28.Bf4 Bf4-d6 would now be deadly.

[28.Qxd5? Qxa2 *(28...Rg6? 29.Qe5-+)* 29.h4 Rc7-+]

28...Qxa2? 5.02/23

[28...Rc4 1.78/21 29.Qa7 *(29.Qxa4 Rxa4 30.Bd6 Re8+-)* 29...h5]

29.Rg3? 1.31/23

[29.Qxd5? loses. Rc2 30.Qh5 Qxb3-+]

[29.Rb8+- 5.02/23 has better winning chances. White threatens Rb8xf8+ and mate. Rxb8 30.Bxb8]

29...Qa4± 30.Re1 Qb4

31.Ree3 White has more active pieces.

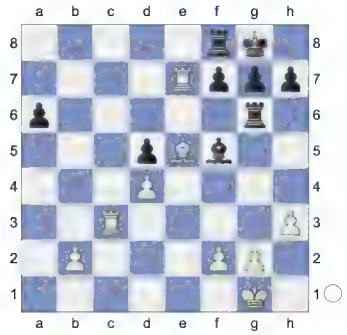
31...Qb7 32.Qxb7 0.57/22

[32.Qxd5? is the wrong capture. Rc1+ *(32...Qxb2 33.Qe5±)* 33.Kh2 Qxd5-+]

[32.Re7± 1.22/21 Qxd7 33.Rxd7]

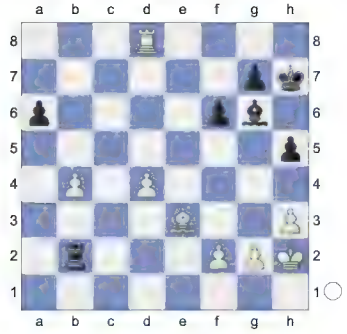
32...Bxb7± 33.Re7 Bc8 34.Be5 Rg6

35.Rc3 Bf5 0.82/21
[35...h5± 0.46/21 was preferrable.]



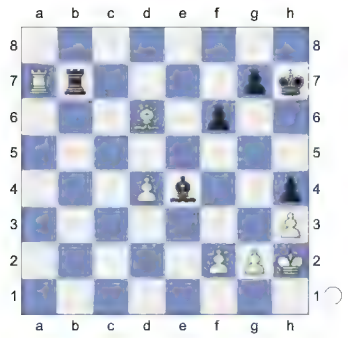
36.Kh2 0.27/22
[36.g4± 0.82/21]
36...h5 37.b4 Rb6 38.Rg3 Rg6 39.Rxg6 Bxg6= Endgame. KRB-KRB
40.Rd7 f6

41.Bf4 Rc8 42.Rxd5 Rc4 43.Rd8+ Kh7 44.Bd2 Rc2 45.Be3 Rb2

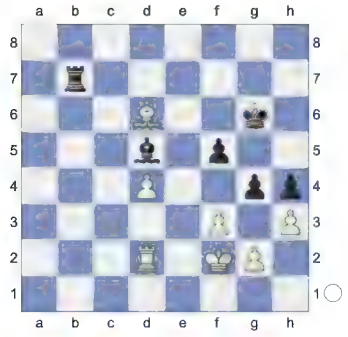


46.Rd6 Rxb4 47.Rxa6 Rb5 48.Ra7 h4 49.Bf4 Be4 50.Bd6 Rb7

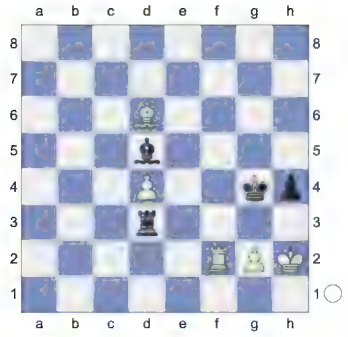
(Diagram)



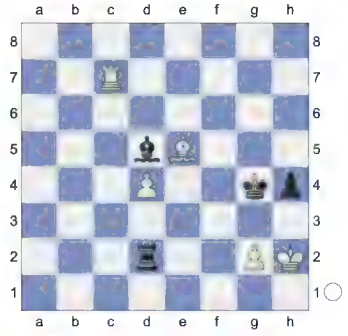
51.Ra2 Bd5 52.Rd2 g5 53.f3 Kg6 54.Kg1 f5 55.Kf2 g4



56.fxg4 fxg4 57.hxg4 Kg5 58.Kg1 Kxg4 59.Kh2 Rb3 60.Rf2 Rd3

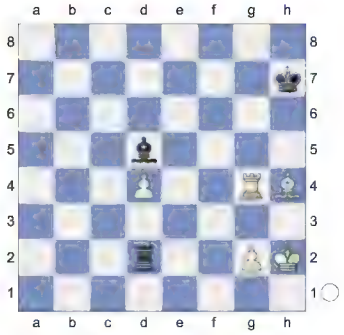


61.Be5 Kg5 62.Bf6+ Kg6 63.Be5 Kg5 64.Rc2 Kg4 65.Rc7 Rd2

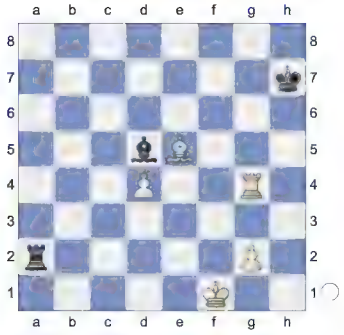


66.Rg7+ Kh5 67.Bf6 Rg7-g5+ is the

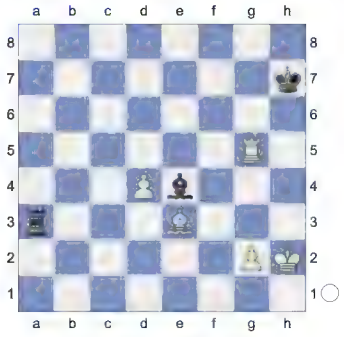
strong threat. **67...Be4 68.Rg5+ Kh6 69.Rg4 Bd5** 0.61/24
[Better is 69...Bb7= 0.03/23]
70.Bxh4± Kh7



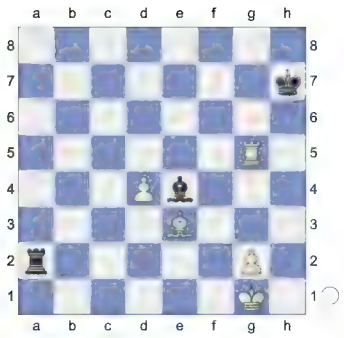
71.Bg5 Rd3 72.Bf6 Rd2 73.Be5 Bc6 74.Kg1 Bd5= -0.01/25 keeps the balance. **75.Kf1 Ra2**



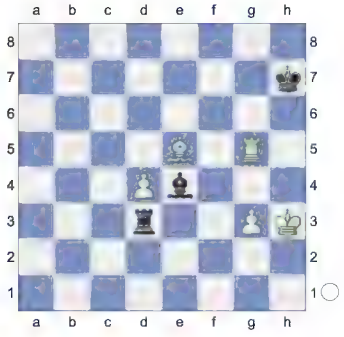
76.Kg1 -0.01/25
[76.Rg5± 0.75/22]
76...Ra1+ 0.71/25 **77.Kh2± Ra2 78.Rg5 Be4** 1.13/25
[78...Rd2± 0.60/24 79.Kg1 Kh6]
79.Bf4 0.58/25 **Ra4± 80.Be3 Ra3**



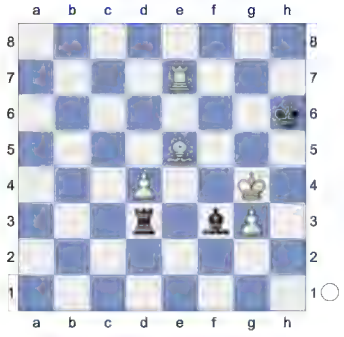
81.Rg3 Rd3 82.Kg1 Bd5 83.Kf2 Ra3 84.Rg5 Ra2+ 85.Kg1 Be4
(Diagram)



86.Bf4 0.22/26
[86.g3± 0.83/25]
86...Ra4!= 87.Be5 Ra1+! 88.Kh2 Ra2!
White should play **89.Kh3±** 1.13/25
Ra3+ 90.g3 Rd3



91.Kg4 And now Kg4-h5 would win.
91...Bd5 92.Rg7+ Kh6 93.Re7
White wants to mate with Kg4-f5.
93...Bf3+? #20/25



94.Kf5 Bg2 95.Bf4+

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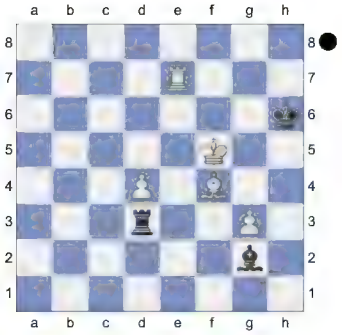

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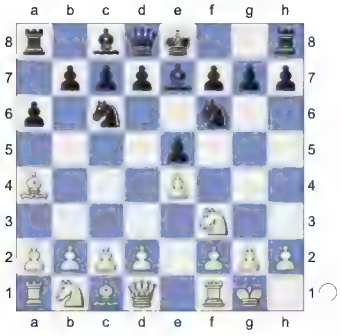
108 **C89**
□ **Ayush,Sharma** **2321**
■ **Rohit,Krishna S** **2423**
Abu Dhabi op 29th (9) 24.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Kuzmin,A; Kimelfeld,R: 'Inf 42/426' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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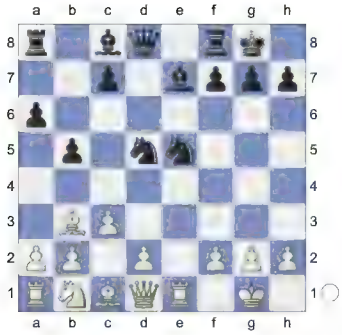


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Qf5

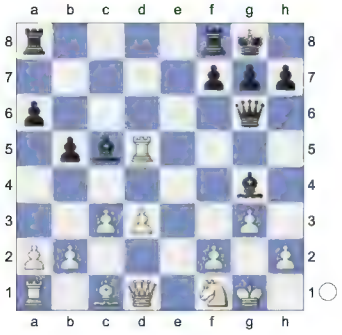
15...Nf6 is the fancy move. 15...Sf6 ist der angesagte Zug. 15...Nf6 is the fancy move. 15...Sf6 ist der angesagte Zug.
16.Nd2 Qg6! 17.Nf1 Bf5
[17...h5 18.a4 Bg4 19.Qe1 Nf6 20.Re3 Rae8 21.axb5 axb5 22.d4 h4 23.Bd1 Bf4 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Be3 Bh3 26.Bf3 Nd5 27.Qd2 Bxe3 28.Nxe3 Nxe3 29.Re1 Qf5 30.Bd1 Qd5 31.fxe3 Re6 32.e4 1-0 Kuzmin,A (2440)-Shulman,Y USSR 42/426 1986]
[17...f5 18.Rd4 f4 19.Rxd5 cxd5 20.Bxd5+ Be6 21.Be4 Qf7 22.Bxa8 fxg3 23.Bg2 gxh2+ 24.Kh1 Qxf2 25.Ne3 Bh3 26.Bxh3 Rf3 27.Bg2 1-0 Hux,R-9. ♘f3 ♘c6 10. ♖c1 chess.com (Int.-blitz) 156/(25) 2022]

(Diagram)

18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Rd4 The position is equal. **19...Bc5N**

[19...Rae8 20.Ne3 ½-½ Genovese,A-Sanz Perucha,J 71/(129) Armenia 1997]

20.Rxd5 Bg4



A strong pair of Bishops. **21.Qe1N** Rd5-g5! would now be deadly.

[Vorgänger: 21.Qc2 -0.38/21 21.Qd1-e1 0.31 Qc6 22.c4! Rac8 23.Be3 Be7 And now ...Qc6xd5 would win. 24.Rc1! Be6 25.Re5 Bh3 26.f4 -0.36/21 *(26.f3!= 0.27/22 Be6 27.Qe2)* 26...Bf6 27.Rc5 0-1 Louro,E-Langeveld,M LSS CP-2006-P-00066 0-1 Louro,E-Langeveld,M LSS CP-2006-P-00066]

21...Rae8 22.Be3 Bxe3 1.07/22

[22...Be7= 0.16/24]

23.fxe3 0.71/20 White leaves nothing to chance now.

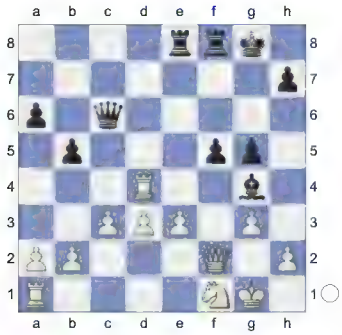
[White should play 23.Nxe3 1.07/22 Bf3 24.Rd4]

23...f5 1.09/21

[⌓23...Bf3 0.71/20 24.Rd4 f5]

24.Qf2± Qc6 25.Rd4 g5 1.65/20

[25...Bh3± 1.03/20]



26.a4+- Re7 27.axb5 axb5 28.Qc2 f4 29.gxf4 Bh3 1.66/21 Against Qc2-g2

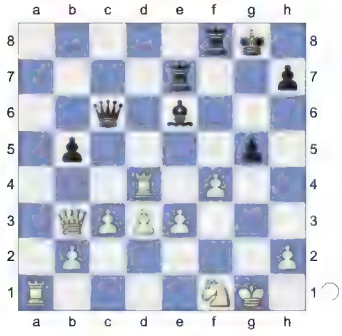
[29...Qf3± 1.29/23]

30.Qb3+

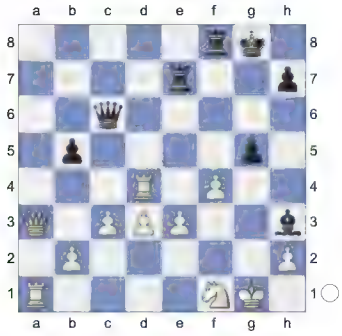
[30.fxg5? Qf3-+]

[30.Qf2 gxf4 31.exf4 *(31.Rxf4 Rxf4 32.exf4 Rg7+ 33.Ng3 h5∓)* 31...h5=]

30...Be6

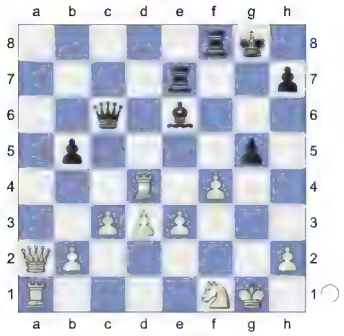


31.Qa3 Bh3

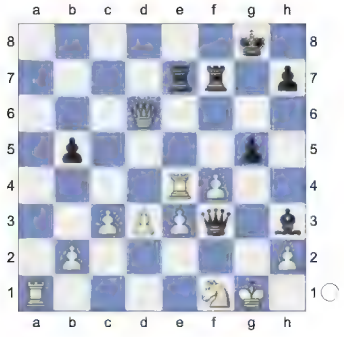


32.Qa2+! Be6 2.45/23

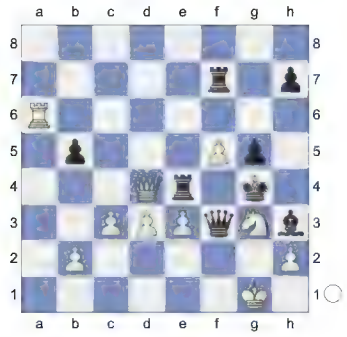
[32...Ref7 1.92/24 was called for. 33.Qd5 *(33.fxg5? Qg2#)* 33...Qxd5 34.Rxd5 gxf4]



33.Qa6! Qf3 34.Qd6
[34.fxg5 Bh3]
[34.Qxb5 gxf4 35.exf4 Rg7+ 36.Ng3 Rxg3+ *(36...Qe3+ 37.Kg2=)* 37.hxg3 h6= *(37...Qxg3+ 38.Kf1=)*]
34...Rff7 6.52/25
[34...Bh3 2.50/23 35.Qd5+ *(35.Qxe7? Qg2#)* 35...Qxd5 36.Rxd5 gxf4]
35.Re4
[35.fxg5 Bh3 *(35...Qf2+ 36.Kh1 Qf3+ 37.Kg1 Bh3 38.Qd5)* 36.Qd5 Qf2+ *(36...Bxf1? 37.Qxf3 Rxf3 38.Rxf1+-)* 37.Kh1 Re4 *(37...Bxf1? 38.Rf4+-)* 38.Ra8+ Kg7]
35...Bh3

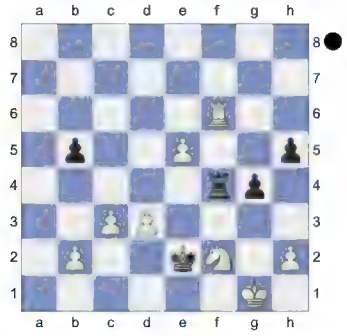


36.Ra8+
[36.Rxe7? Qg2#]
36...Kg7 37.Qd4+ White is clearly winning.
[37.fxg5? Qxf1#]
37...Kg6 38.Ra6+
[Less strong is 38.Rg8+ Kh5 39.Ng3+ *(39.Rxg5+? loses. Kh4-+)* 39...Kh4 40.fxg5+ Bg4±]
38...Kh5 39.Ng3+ Kg4 40.f5+ Rxe4



41.Qxe4+ Qxe4 42.Nxe4 Rxf5
Endgame. KRB-KRN **43.Nf2+ Kf3**
44.Nxh3 g4 45.Nf2 h5

46.e4 Rf4 47.e5 Ke2 48.Rf6



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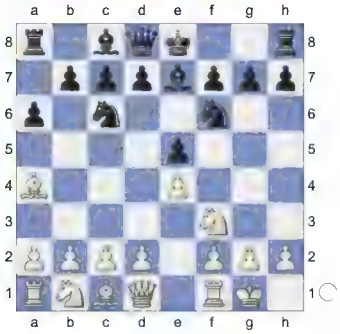
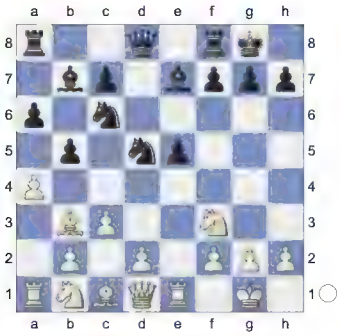
109 **C89**
□ **Adamovics,Aleksejs** **2024**
■ **Chocenka,Dmitrijus** **2351**
Riga Tech Rapid op (6) 06.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

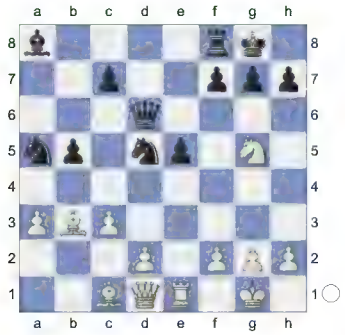
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3! 7.Nge2 scores better than 7.Qd2. 7.Sge2 punktet besser als 7.Dd2. **7...0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.a4 Bb7**



11.axb5N axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.Na3 Bxa3 14.bxa3 Qd6 15.Ng5 -0.04/20
[15.d4± 0.32/20 exd4 *(15...Nxc3? 16.Qc2+- Nd5 17.dxe5 Qd7 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qc5 Nce7 20.e6 fxe6 21.Nxe6 Rc8 22.Nf4 c6 23.Rxe7* 1-0 Fabrizi,M-Holmes,R BCCA SO 0001 CG49 2000 *)* 16.cxd4]
15...Na5N
[15...Nf4 16.d4 Nxg2 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.Qf3 Nf4 19.Bxf4 1-0 Krebs,J (2375)-Frederiks,R (2505) EU/FSM/60 ICCF 1997]



Strongly threatening ...Na5xb3. The position is equal. **16.Ba2** -1.19/20
[16.Bc2= 0.05/20 h6 17.Nf3]
16...Nc4 -0.01/22
[16...Qg6!∓ -1.19/20 17.Bxd5 *(17.Rxe5? Nc4-+)* 17...Bxd5]
17.Qc2
[17.Bxc4 -0.53/21 17.Qd1-c2 -0.01 bxc4]
17...Nf6 18.d3⇄ White has counterplay
18...Nb6 19.Bb2 -0.65/23
[19.c4= 0.06/20]
19...Na4 -0.26/22
[19...h6∓ -0.65/23 was preferrable. 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.dxe4 Nc4]
20.Ba1
[20.d4 -1.15/21 20.Bb2-a1 -0.28 Qc6 -0.43/24 *(20...exd4∓* -1.15/21 *21.cxd4 Qc6 22.Qxc6 Bxc6)* 21.d5!∓ Qd6]
20...h6 -0.01/23
[20...Qc6 0.23/22 20...Na4-c5 -0.46 21.Ne4 *(21.Nf3 Nd7)* 21...Nxe4 22.dxe4 Nb6 Prevents c3-c4.]
[20...Nc5!∓ -0.50/22 21.d4 exd4 22.cxd4 Nce4 23.Nxe4 *(23.Rxe4? Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Bxe4-+)* 23...Bxe4]

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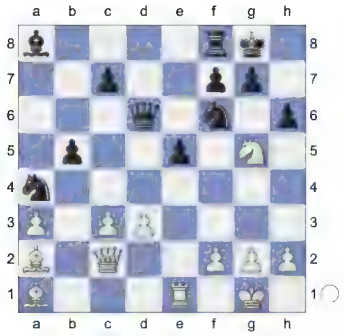
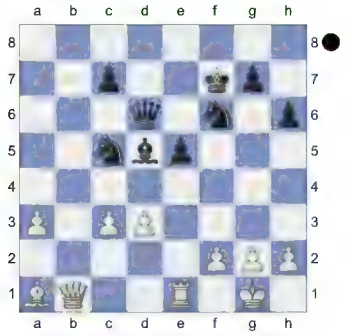
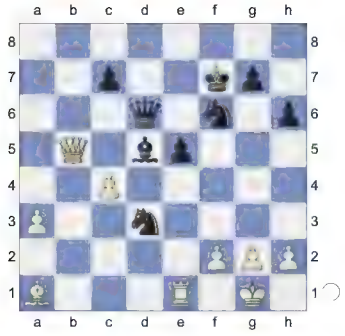


21.Nxf7! Decoy
[21.Nf3? -1.81/23 21.Ng5xf7 -0.01 Bxf3]
[21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.dxe4 Qxa3]
21...Rxf7 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 23.Qb3+
White is weak on the light squares
23...Bd5
[23...Nd5 White must now prevent ... Na4-c5. 24.Qxb5 Bc6 25.Qb3 -1.15/23 *(25.Qc4= -0.01/22)*]
[23...Qd5 24.Qxd5+
A) 24...Bxd5= -0.01/25
A1) 25.c4!= 0.08/24 bxc4 26.dxc4 Bxc4 *(26...Be6)* 27.Rxe5;
A2) 25.Rxe5 -0.54/22 25...Nc5 0.11/23 *(25...c5!∓ -0.54/22)* 26.Re3;
B) 24...Nxd5 0.48/22]
24.Qxb5
[24.c4 Nc5 25.Qc3 Bxg2!? *(25...bxc4 26.dxc4 Be6 27.Qxe5 Nd3)*
A) 26.Qxe5 Bc6 27.cxb5 Bxb5= *(27...Nxd3? 28.Qxd6 cxd6 29.bxc6+-)*;
B) 26.Kxg2 Nxd3 27.Kf1 Nxe1]
24...Nc5
[24...Qxa3 25.c4 Be6 *(25...Nc3 26.Qb2±)* 26.Qxe5± *(26.Bxe5?! Nd7±)*]
25.c4
[25.Rb1? -3.27/21 25.c3-c4 0.01 Bc6 -1.35/21 ;0-1 Papasimakopoulos,A (2251)-Korobov,A (2683) Titled Tuesday intern op 08th June blitz 2021 (3) *(25...Nh5-+ -3.27/21 26.Rb4 Nf4 27.Rxf4+ exf4)* 26.Qc4+∓ Bd5 0.01/29 (Better is *26...Ne6∓ -1.43/20* ...e5-e4! would now be deadly. *27.Rd1 e4)*]
[25.Qb1



e4 -0.28/25 *(25...Bxg2!∓ -1.07/21 26.Kxg2 Nxd3)* 26.c4 -0.65/23 *(26.dxe4= -0.28/25* is superior. *Bxe4 27.Qd1)* 26...Ng4!∓ 27.g3 Bc6
A) 28.dxe4∓ -0.60/23 Qd2 *(28...Nd3* Discovered Attack *29.Rf1)* 29.Rf1 Nxe4 30.Qb8? -2.62/24 *(30.Qb2∓ -0.56/23 Qxb2 31.Bxb2)* 30...Qd7;
B) 28.Qb2? -2.67/24 28...Nf6]
[25.d4 exd4 26.cxd4 Ne6 27.Qb4 *(27.Re3 -1.27/20* 27.Qb5-b4 -0.67 *Ng4 28.Rg3 Qf4; 27.a4 Ng4!)* 27...Qxb4 28.axb4 Nf4]
25...Nxd3



Excellent horsemanship. **26.c5**
Deflection. Some like it hot

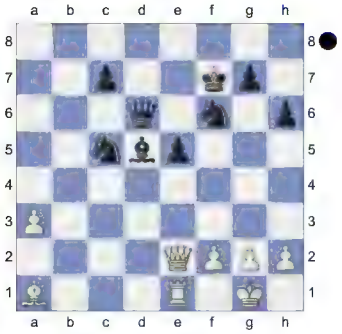
[26.cxd5 -0.64/20 26.c4-c5 0.01 Nxe1 27.Qe2 Nxg2! 28.Kxg2 Qxd5+]
[26.Bxe5 Nxe5 27.cxd5 Nxd5? 1.68/21 (27...Qxa3∓ -1.22/24 keeps the pressure on. 28.Qe2 Nd3)]

26...Nxc5

[26...Qxc5? too greedy. 27.Qxd3 e4 28.Qd2+-]

27.Bxe5

[27.Rxe5 -0.83/22 27.Ba1xe5 -0.01 Nce4 28.Bb2 c6]
[27.Qe2



Vorgänger: e4! 28.Bxf6
A) 28...Qxf6 29.Qh5+ -2.32/21 (⌓29.Rc1 -1.87/21 Nd3 30.Rxc7+ Kg8 31.Rc8+ Kh7 32.h3) 29...Ke6;
B) 28...Kxf6 29.Rb1 Nd3]

27...Qb6 28.Qe2 aiming for Be5xf6.

[28.Qxb6 cxb6 29.Bc7 (29.Rb1 And now Be5xf6! would win. Nfd7) 29...b5!]

28...Nce4 29.a4 Kg8 0.53/20

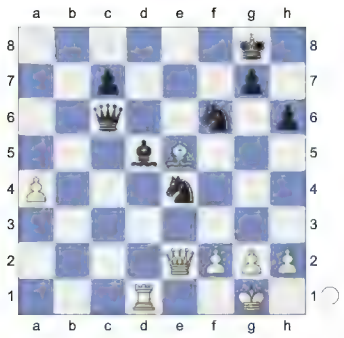
[Black should try 29...Qa7= -0.01/21]

30.Rd1± White has compensation.

[30.Bxf6 -0.15/22 30.Re1-d1 0.54 Qxf6 1.30/21 (30...Nxf6= -0.15/22 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 Bf7) 31.a5± c5 1.67/20 (31...Nc5± 1.05/20 was called for.)]
[30.h3 Nd7]

30...Qc6 0.94/21

[30...Qc5± 0.46/21]



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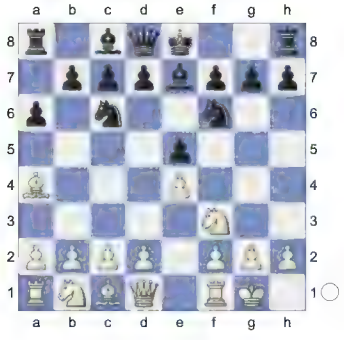
110 **C89**
□ **Prraneeth,Vuppala** **2485**
■ **Kantor,Gergely** **2527**
Timisoara Foisor Memorial Rapid (6)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Welcome to this special bonus chapter ! I'm not planning to do a new video every time a top player does something in the Marshall but the Tata Steel Masters 2020 featured a game I had to tell you about. It was the game between Jan-Krzysztof Duda and Anish Giri. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5
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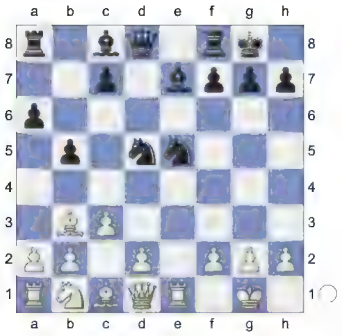
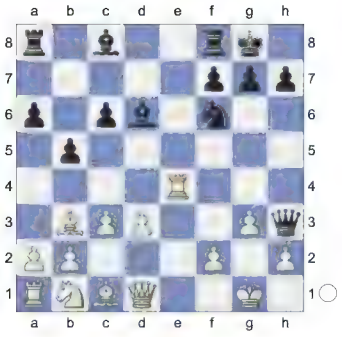


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6!



now scores much better than the old 15... Qf5. punktet besser als das ältere 15... Df5. now scores much better than the old 15...Qf5. punktet besser als das ältere 15...Df5. **16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Bc2 Qg6! 18.Nd2** White is slightly better. **18...Bg4 19.f3** -0.22/22

[19.Nf3± 0.32/21]

19...Bf5= 20.Ne4 Be7↑

[20...Rad8 21.d4 Rfe8 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Be4 h6 24.b4 Bxb4 25.cxb4 Rxd4 26.Qf1 Rdxe4 27.fxe4 Qxa1 28.exf5 Qc3 29.Kf2 Hasanovic,H (2511)-Coll Sola,J (2638) Vraca (zt) 20/125 1975]

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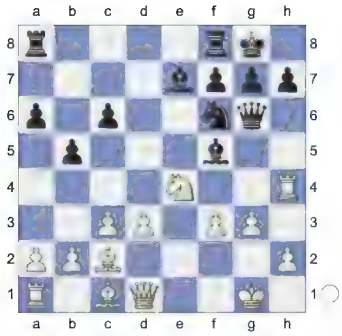


Black fights for an advantage. **21.Bg5 Bxe4N**

[Vorgänger: 21...Nxe4 0.40/22 21...Bf5xe4 -0.33 22.Bxe7 Nxg3! 23.Bxf8 -0.28/25 *(23.Qe1!± 0.68/23 Nh5+ 24.Kf2)* 23...Re8= 24.Rg4 Bxg4 25.hxg3 Bd7! 26.Kg2! Kxf8 27.Qd2 Qe6 0-1 Gurel,E (2353)-Ivic,V (2603) SRB-chT 1st League CS 2021 (7.1) Repels Ra1-e1 0-1 Gurel,E (2353)-Ivic,V (2603) SRB-chT 1st League CS 2021 (7.1)]

22.Bxf6 Bc5+ 23.Bd4N -0.56/20

[23.Kh1!= 0.01/21 Bf5 24.Bxg7 Qxg7 *(24...Kxg7 25.g4=)* 25.Rh5]

[23.Kg2 Bf5 Bonus: Marshall 12. d3-16. Rh4,1]

23...Bxd4+∓ 24.Kg2 -0.76/23

[24.cxd4∓ -0.36/21 was preferrable. Bf5 25.Rf4]

24...Bxc3∓ 25.dxe4? -2.34/21

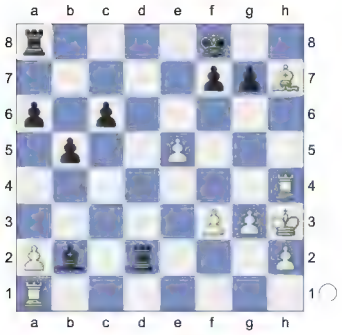
[25.fxe4∓ -0.76/20 might work better. Be5 *(25...Bxb2? 26.d4∓)* 26.Rb1 *(26.d4 Rfd8∓)*]

25...Rfd8-+

[25...Bxb2? 26.e5+-]

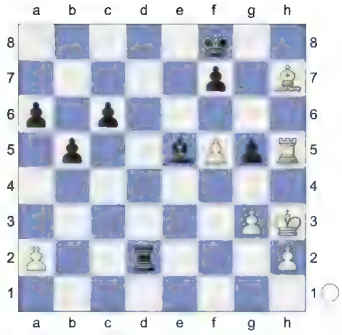
(Diagram)

26.Qc1 Bd2 -1.13/21
[26...Rd2+-+ -2.27/24 27.Kh1 Qf6]
27.e5∓ Bxc1 28.Bxg6 Rd2+
[28...Bxb2 29.Bxh7+ Kf8 30.Re1∓]
29.Kh3 Bxb2
[29...hxg6 30.Rxc1 Rc8 *(30...Rxb2 31.Rxc6 Rxa2 32.Rd4=)* 31.Rb4∓]
30.Bxh7+ Kf8

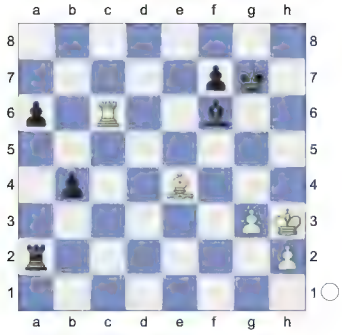


31.Re1 -0.90/22
[31.Be4∓ -0.49/24 deserves consideration.]
31...Re8 Hoping for ...g7-g6! **32.f4** -2.34/24
[32.Rhe4∓ -0.97/22]
32...g6-+ Strongly threatening ...Kf8-g7.
33.f5 g5
[33...Rxe5 34.Rxe5 Bxe5 35.fxg6∓]
[33...Bxe5 34.fxg6 Bb2 *(34...Rxa2 35.Rhe4±)* 35.Rxe8+ Kxe8 36.Rh6∓]
34.Rh5
[Not 34.Rhe4? Kg7 35.e6 Kxh7-+]
34...Rxe5 35.Rxe5 Bxe5

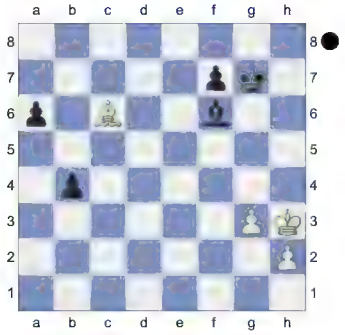
(Diagram)



36.Rxg5 Endgame. KRB-KRB **36...Bg7** -0.79/22
[36...Rxa2-+ -2.24/23 has better winning chances. Threatens to win with ...f7-f6. 37.f6 Bxf6]
37.f6∓ Bxf6 38.Rc5 Rxa2 39.Rxc6 Kg7 40.Be4 b4



41.Bd5 Rd2 42.Bb3 Rd3! 43.Bc4 Rc3 44.Bd5 Rxc6 Deflection **45.Bxc6**



KB-KB **45...b3** -0.36/26
[45...Bg5!∓ -0.73/24 46.Kg4 Be3]

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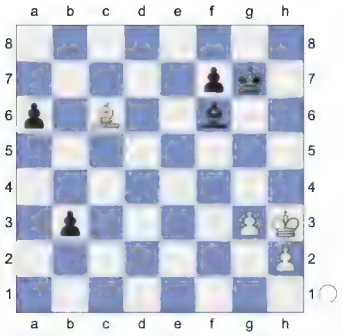
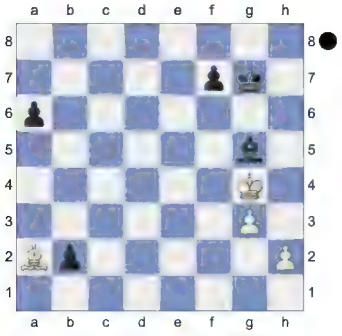
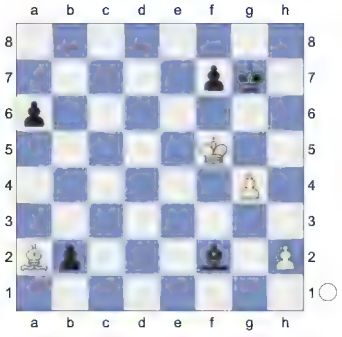


46.Bd5 -4.42/32
[White has to play 46.Kg4!∓ -0.36/26]
46...b2-+ 47.Ba2 Bg5 48.Kg4



Bh6 -0.12/28
[Black should try 48...Kf6!-+ -3.21/26
And now ...a6-a5 would win. 49.Kh5 Be3]
49.Kf5= The position is equal. **49...Be3 50.g4 Bf2**



51.h3 Kf8 52.Ke4 Ke7 53.Kd3 f6 54.Kc2 Bd4 55.Bc4 a5

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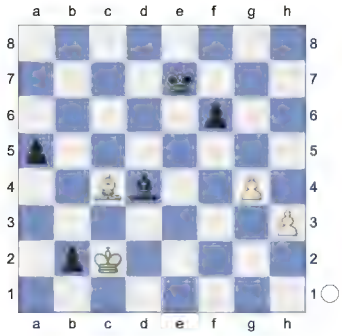
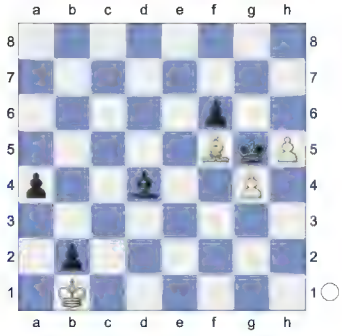
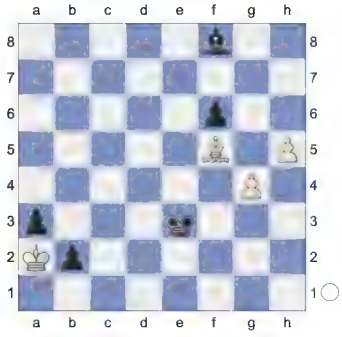


56.Kb1 Kd6 57.h4 Ke5 58.h5 Kf4 59.Be6 Kg5 60.Bf5 a4
[60...Be5!?]



61.Be6
[61.h6 simplifies Kxh6 62.Ka2 Bc5 63.Kxb2 Kg5 64.Bd7]
61...a3 62.Bf5 Bc5 63.Ka2 Bf8 64.Kb1 Kf4 65.Ka2 Ke3



66.Kb1 Kd2 67.Ka2 Kc1 68.Be4 Kd1 69.Bf5 Ke1 70.Be4 Kf2

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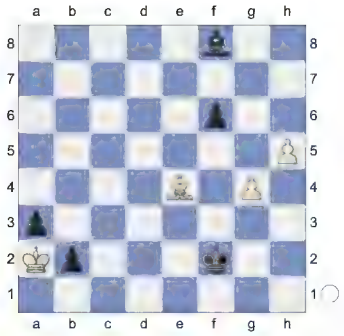
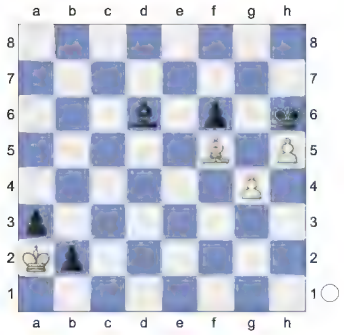
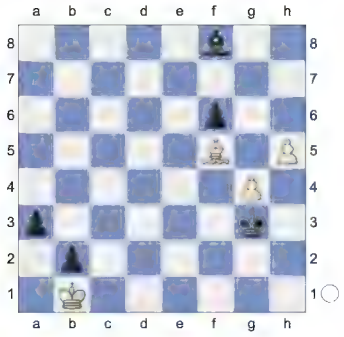


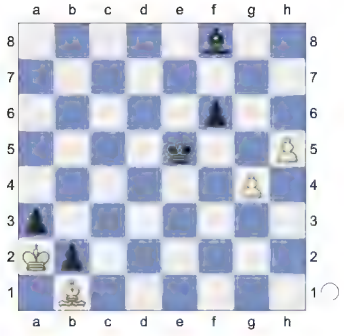
71.Bf5 Kg3 72.Kb1 Kh4 73.Ka2 Kg5 74.Kb1 Kh6 75.Ka2 Bd6



76.Kb1 Bc5 77.Ka2 Bf8 78.Kb1 Kg5 79.Ka2 Kh4 80.Kb1 Kg3



81.Ka2 Kf2 82.Kb1 Ke3 83.Ka2 Kd4 84.Bb1 Ke5



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111 **C89**
□ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2689**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2764**
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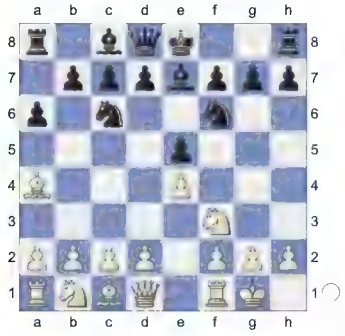
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Kaidanov,G: 'Inf 51/(345)' C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Kaidanov,G: 'Inf 51/(345)' C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Piket,Jeroen; Blatny,Pavel: 'Piket,J; Blatny,P: '56/378 '' C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Piket,Jeroen; Blatny,Pavel: 'Piket,J; Blatny,P: '56/378 '' CCLA 2nd Placing C.E.Edwards Prize 1963. CCLA 2nd Placing C.E.Edwards Prize 1963. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.a4 Bb7

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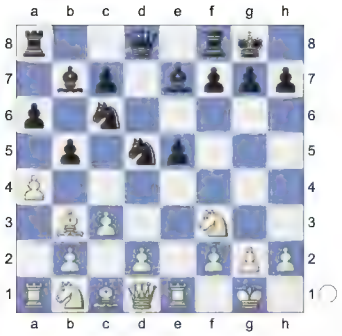
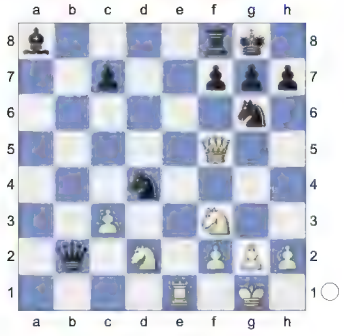
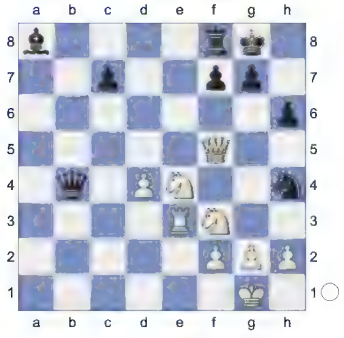


11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.d4
[13.d3 b4 14.Qc2 Bf6 15.Nbd2 Nf4 16.Ne4 Qxd3 17.Bxf4 Qxc2 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Bxc2 exf4 20.h4 Kg7 21.Be4 bxc3 22.bxc3 Re8 23.Kf1 Bb7 24.c4 Na5 25.Bxb7 Rxe1+ 26.Kxe1 Nxb7 27.Ke2 f5 Lu,S (2611)-Dai,C (2510) Xinghua 2024 Mega2024 Update 29 [Kitty Kat] ½-½]
13...exd4 14.Qd3 Bf6N 0.39/20
[14...b4= 0.08/20 15.Bc2 g6 16.Bh6 Re8 17.Bb3 Bf8 18.Rxe8 Qxe8 19.Bxf8 Nf4 20.Qd2 Qe4 21.Bh6 Qxb1+ 22.Bd1 bxc3 23.bxc3 Ne6 24.cxd4 Ne7 25.Ng5 Nf5 26.Nxe6 fxe6 27.Be3 Bd5 28.Qc2 Qxc2 29.Bxc2 Kf7 Priasmoro,N (2499)-Bernadskiy,V (2573) Toshkent 2024 Mega2024 Update 22 [Kitty Kat] ½-½]
[14...Nf6 15.cxd4 Re8 16.Be3 Na5 17.Qxb5 Nxb3 18.Qxb3 Bd6 19.Nbd2 Ng4 20.h3 Bd5 21.Qd3 Nf6 22.Ra1 Qb8 23.b3 h6 24.Ra5 c6 25.Ra1 Qd8 26.Qc2 Bb8 27.Qf5 g6 28.Qc2 Kh7 29.Rc1 Engin,E (1512)-Atayman,E (1683) Denizli 2023 0-1 (43) Qd7 30.Qd1 Qf5 31.Nc4 Nd7 32.Rc3 Bxf3 33.gxf3 Qxh3 34.f4 Bxf4 35.f3 Bh2+ 36.Kf2 Qg3+ 37.Kf1 Nf6 38.Rc2 Qh3+ 39.Rg2 Nh5 40.Qd2 Ng3+ 41.Kf2 Nh1+ 42.Kf1 Qxf3+ 43.Rf2 Ng3+ 1-0 (43) England,W-Riches,L CCLA 1963 UltraCorr3a [Lunney]]
15.Qxb5± White is slightly better.
15...Nde7

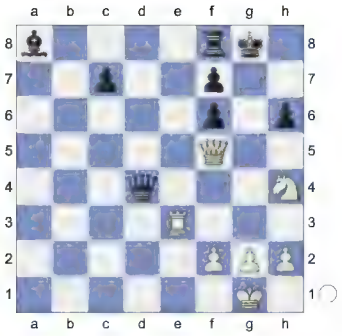
16.Bg5 0.28/19 0x0.002ec96679d8dp-1022s more active pieces.
[16.Nbd2± 0.63/20]
16...Ng6= 17.Qf5 -0.26/21
[⌓17.Bxf6 0.25/20 Qxf6 18.Qc5]
17...Qb8 18.Bxf6 Qxb3 19.Nbd2 Qxb2 20.Bxd4 Nxd4



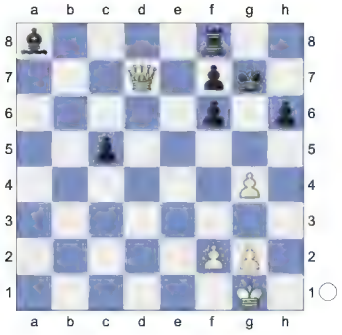
21.cxd4 h6 22.Ne4 Qb4 Strongly threatening ...Nh4! **23.Re3 Nh4** 0.94/22



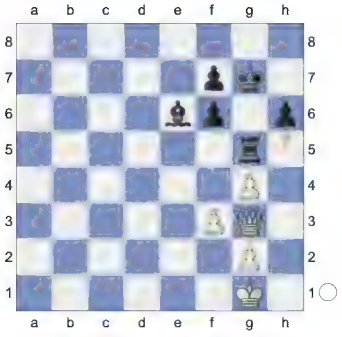
24.Nf6+!± **gxf6** **25.Nxh4** White threatens Rg3+ and mate.
25...Qxd4



(-> ...Qd1+) **26.h3! Qxh4 27.Rg3+ Kh8** aiming for ...h5. **28.Rg4 Qxg4 29.hxg4** Endgame KQ-KRB
[Reject 29.Qxg4?! Rg8 30.Qf4 Rxg2+ 31.Kf1 Kg7=]
29...Kg7 30.Qd7 c5



31.Qc7 Inhibits Rb8. **31...Bd5 32.Qxc5 Be6 33.f3 Rd8 34.Qf2 Rd5 35.Qg3 Rg5**



36.Qf4 Re5 37.Kh2 Rg5 38.Qd4 Rd5 39.Qc3 Rg5 40.Qb2 Rg6

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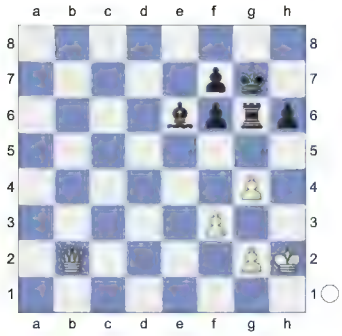
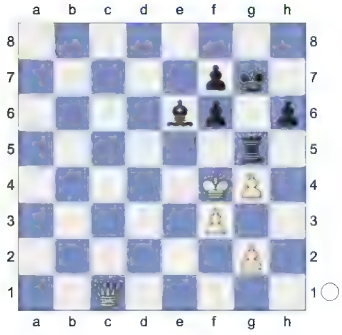
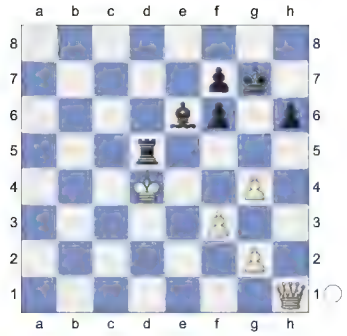


41.Kg1 Rg5 42.Kf2 Rg6 43.Ke3 Rg5 44.Kf4 Rg6 45.Qc1 0.14/28
[45.Qc2± 0.97/28]
45...Rg5 0.99/25
[45...h5= 0.14/28 remains equal.]

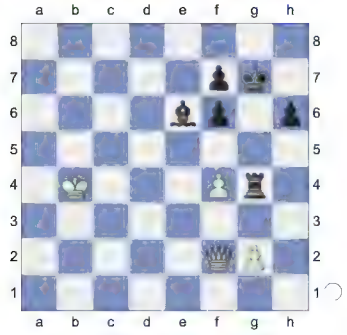


46.Qh1 Rg6 47.Kg3 0.48/27
[47.Ke3± 0.99/24]
47...Rg5 0.93/23
[47...f5!± 0.48/27]
48.Kf4 0.01/19
[48.Kf2± 0.93/23]
48...Rg6!= 49.Ke4 Rg5 50.Kd4 0.31/22
[50.Ke3± 1.11/23]
50...Rd5+ -0.57/20
[50...Re5!± 0.31/22]

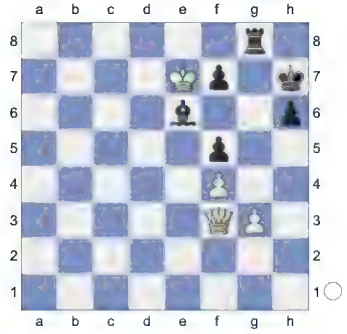
(Diagram)



51.Kc3∓ Rc5+ 0.01/22
[51...Bd7± 0.41/23]
52.Kb4 Rg5 53.Qh4 0.56/23
[53.Qh2= 0.05/23]
53...Re5 54.Qf2 Rg5 55.f4 0.01/24
[Better is 55.Kc3± 0.60/22]
55...Rxg4=



The position is equal. **56.Kc5 f5 57.Kd6 Kh7 58.Ke7 Rg8 59.g3 Rg6 60.Qf3 Rg8**



61.Qd3 Rg6 62.Qc3 Rg8 63.Qd3 Rg6 64.Qc3 Rg8 65.Qd3

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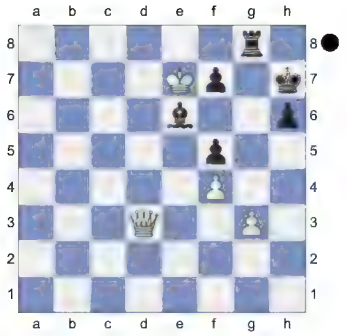

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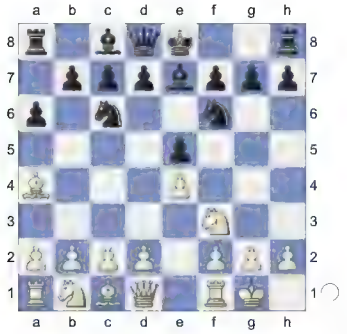
112 **C89**
□ **Blundar** **2759**
■ **Caissa Ai** **3064**
Rapid 17.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Sax,Gy: '48/464 ' Sax,Gy: 'Inf 48/464' Inf 47/(424) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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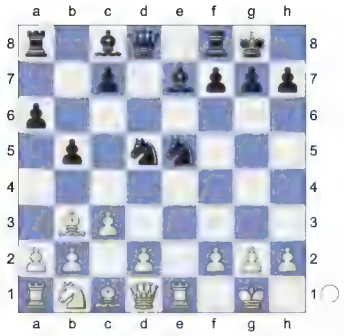
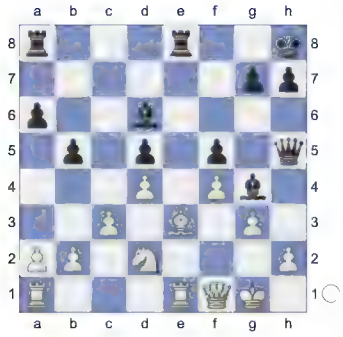


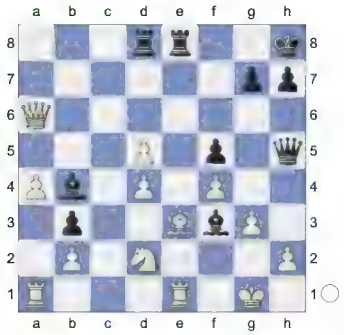
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4

16.Qd3 f5 17.f4 Kh8
[17...Bf3 18.Qf1 Qxf1+ 19.Rxf1±]
18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Nd2 Rfe8N
[19...g5 20.Qf1 Qh5
A) 21.fxg5 f4 22.Bxf4 *(22.gxf4 h6 23.Qg2 Rad8 24.Kh1 Bh3 25.Qg3 Rg8 26.Qf3 Bg4 27.Qg2 hxg5 28.fxg5 Rdf8 29.Qg1 Rg7 30.Rf1 Rf3 31.Rxf3 Bxf3+ 32.Nxf3 Qxf3+ 33.Qg2 Qxe3 34.g6 Qh6 35.Re1 Rxg6 36.Re8+ Kg7* Schneider,I (2155)-4. ♗b5 ♘ge7 5. 00 (2200) Copenhagen 2000 Telechess CBM 108 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (52) *)* 22...Rxf4 23.gxf4 Rf8 24.Re5 Bxe5 25.dxe5 h6 26.Re1 hxg5 27.f5 Rxf5 28.Qd3 Rf2 29.h3 Qh4 30.Rf1 Bf5 31.Qe3 Rxf1+ 32.Nxf1 Bxh3 33.e6 Qg4+ ½-½ (33) Sokolov,A (2605)-Ehlvest, J (2600) Rotterdam 1989 CI1-130 [RR];
B) 21.a4 bxa4 22.fxg5 *(22.Rxa4 Rae8 23.Raa1 Re6 24.fxg5 Rfe8 25.Qf2 f4 26.gxf4 h6 27.gxh6 Qh3 28.Nf1 Bf3 29.Rxa6 Rg8+ 30.Ng3 Bxf4* ½-½ (30) Gaertner,J (1532)-Baladjaev,E (1967) Wiesbaden 2023*)* 22...f4 23.Bxf4 Rxf4 24.gxf4 Rf8 25.Re5 Bxe5 26.dxe5 h6 27.Qxa6 hxg5 28.Qd6 Rxf4 29.Rf1 Bf5 30.Qxd5 Bh3 31.Rxf4 gxf4 32.Qf3 Qg5+ 33.Kh1 Qh4 34.Qa8+ Sax,G (2580)-Ehlvest,J (2620) Skelleftea 1989 CI1-130 [Sax,Gyula] 1-0 (50)]
[19...Qh5 20.Qf1 Rae8 21.Qg2 Re4 22.Nxe4 fxe4 23.h4 h6 24.Qh2 Rf6 25.a4 Rg6 26.axb5 axb5 27.Kf1 Bd7 28.Qe2 Qf5 29.Qg2 b4 30.Ke2 Bb5+ 31.Kd2 Bd3 32.Qf2 Be7 33.g4 Rxg4 34.Rg1 Acs,P (2548)-Movsesian,S (2647) WCC 2004 2004 CBM 101 theory [Klimov] 1-0 (42)]
20.Qf1 White has an edge. **20...Qh5!**

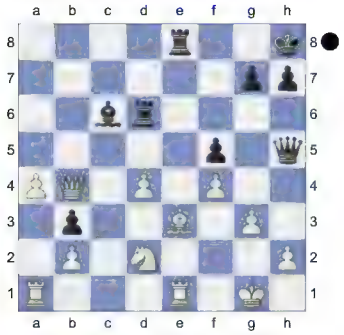


21.a4 b4 0.49/20
[21...bxa4= 0.17/20 22.Qg2 Qf7]
22.c4± b3 23.cxd5 0.26/19
[23.c5± 0.63/20 Bc7 24.a5 *(24.Nxb3 Rab8±)*]
23...Bb4 0.61/18
[23...h6= 0.26/19]
24.Qd3 -0.01/20
[Of course not 24.Nxb3 Bxe1 25.Rxe1 Bf3=]
[24.d6± 0.61/18]
24...Rad8= 25.Qxa6 Black must now

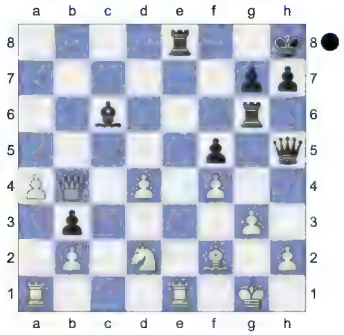
prevent Qc4.
[Don't play 25.Qxb3 a5±]
25...Bf3



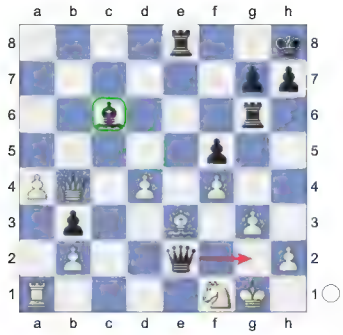
A strong pair of Bishops. **26.d6 Rxd6**
27.Qb5 0.01/21
[27.Qd3∓ -0.66/23 Bd5 28.Qb5]
27...Bc6→ Black mounts an attack.
Chess con chili. **28.Qxb4** -3.32/21
[28.Qd3!= -0.11/23]



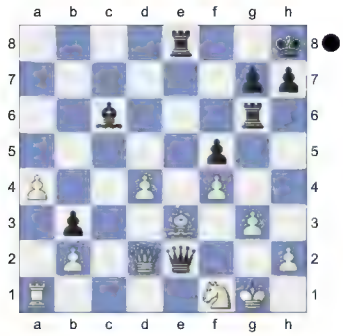
This costs White the game. **28...Rg6!-+**
(-> ...Rxg3+!) **29.Nf1** -9.79/23
[29.Bf2?



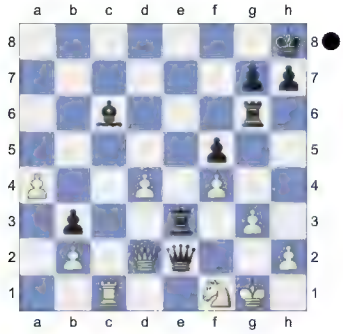
gets mated. Qxh2+!! 30.Kxh2 Rh6+
31.Kg1 Rh1#]
[29.d5 -3.84/21 Bxd5 30.Ne4 Bxe4
31.Qxe4 fxe4 32.Rad1]
29...Qf3 30.Re2 Inhibits Qg2+.
30...Qxe2



31.Qd2



Rxe3! 32.Rc1
[32.Rd1 Re8]



32...Rexg3+!! 33.hxg3

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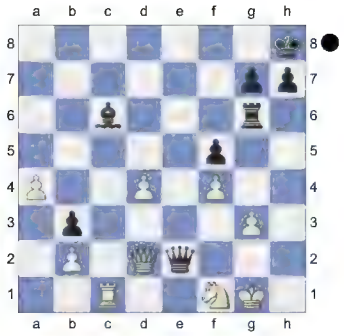
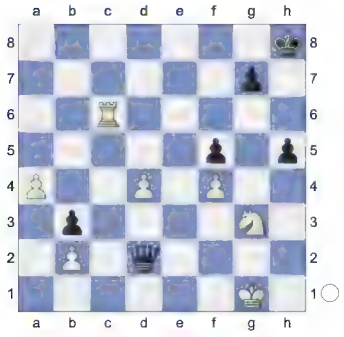
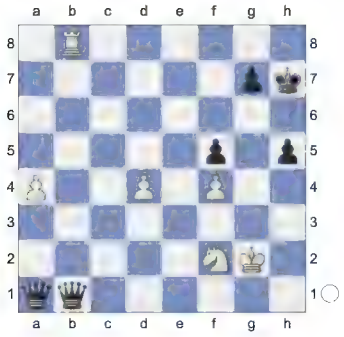


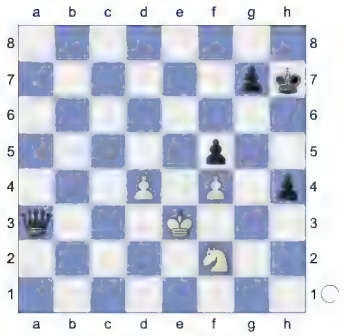
Rxg3+! 34.Nxg3 Qxd2 35.Rxc6 Endgame KQ-KRN **35...h5**



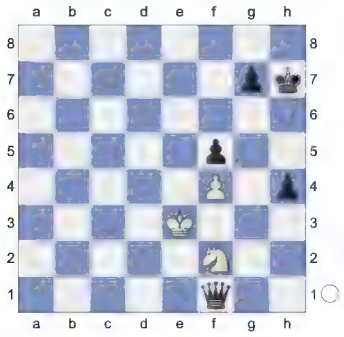
36.Rc8+ Kh7 37.Nh1 Qxb2 38.Nf2 Qa1+ 39.Kg2 b2 40.Rb8 b1Q



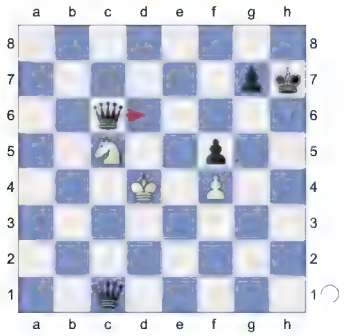
41.Rxb1 Qxb1 42.Kf3 Qb3+ 43.Ke2 Qxa4 Black mates. **44.Kd3 h4 45.Ke3 Qa3+**



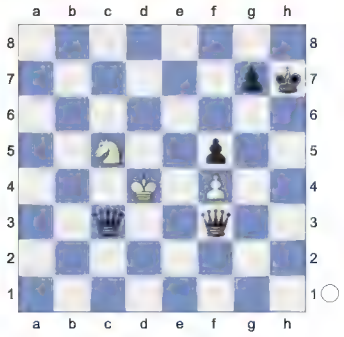
46.Ke2 Qc3 47.d5 Qc4+ 48.Ke3 Qxd5 49.Ke2 Qg2 50.Ke3 Qf1



51.Nd3 h3 52.Ne5 h2 53.Nd3 h1Q 54.Kd4 Qc6 55.Nc5 Qc1



56.Kd3 Qf3+ 57.Kd4 Qcc3#



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113 **C89**
□ **Yobot V2** **2863**
■ **Nikitosikbot** **2868**
Rapid 13.03.2023
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C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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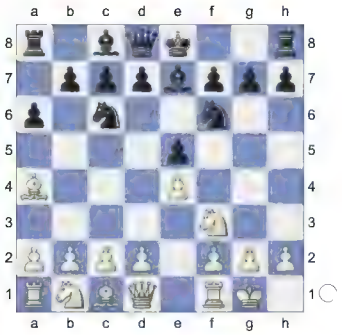
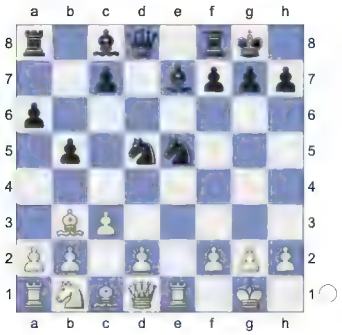
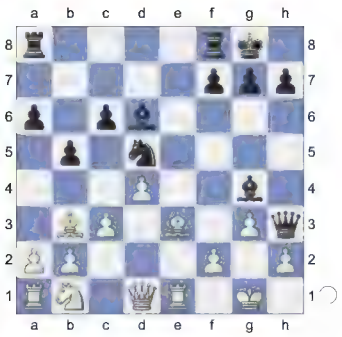


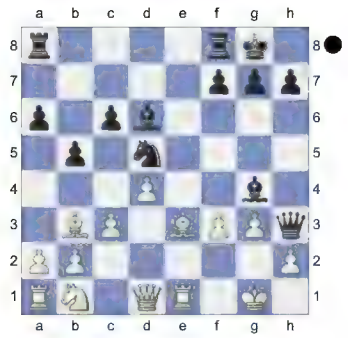
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d4 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4



16.Qd3!
[Don't go for 16.f3?



Bxg3! 17.Qd2 Rfe8! 18.Bxd5 Bxe1 19.Qxe1 cxd5-+]
16...Kh8
[16...Rae8 17.Nd2 Re6 18.a4 f5 *(18...bxa4 19.Rxa4 f5 20.Qf1 Qh5 21.Rxa6 f4 22.Bxf4 Bh3 23.Rxe6 Bxf1 24.Nxf1 Bxf4 25.Raxc6 Qf3 26.Bxd5 Qxd5 27.gxf4 Qf3 28.d5 h5 29.Rc4* 9.g4 Be6 10.Ne6 fe6-Rodigast Agde 2011 CBM 45 group4 [Lane, CCYB6]*)* 19.Qf1 Qh5 20.f4 bxa4 21.Rxa4 Rfe8 22.Qf2 g5 23.Rxa6 gxf4 24.gxf4 Kh8 25.Bxd5 cxd5 26.Nf1 Bh3 27.Ng3 Qg4 28.Kh1 Bxf4 29.Rxe6 Rxe6 30.Bd2 Bxd2 31.Rxe6 Lueers,J (2423)-Duhm, H (2618) New York 1998 CBM 88_01 [INF 61/(92)] 0-1 (51)]
17.Nd2 f5 18.Qf1N
[18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.f4 g5 20.Qf1 Qh5 21.a4 bxa4 22.fxg5 f4 23.Bxf4 h6 24.Qg2 Bxf4 25.gxf4 Rad8 26.Re5 Rxf4 27.Qg3 hxg5 28.Qxf4 gxf4 29.Rxh5+ Bxh5 30.Kf2 Re8 31.Re1 Rb8 32.Re5 Bf7 Langen,R-Reschke, J corr 1991 UltraCorr3a [Harding] 0-1 (32)]
18...Qh5! White has an edge. **19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Bf4** The position is equal.
20...Bxf4

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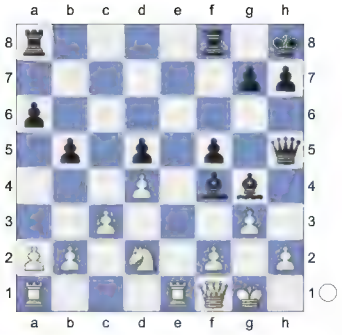
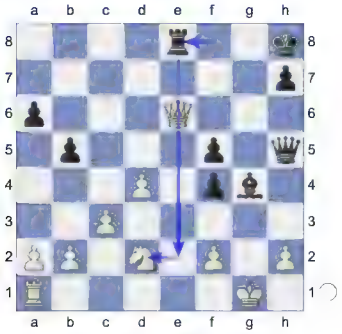
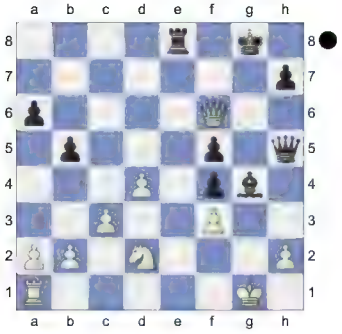


21.gxf4 g5 22.Qg2 gxf4 23.Qxd5 Rae8 24.Re6 Rxe6 25.Qxe6
Strongly threatening Qe5+. **25...Re8**



26.Qf6+
[But not 26.Qxa6? Qg5 27.h4 Qxh4 28.Qxb5 Bh5-+]
26...Kg8 Hoping for ...Bd1. **27.f3**
[27.Qxa6 gets mated. Bf3 28.Nxf3 Qg4+ 29.Kf1 Qxf3]



27...Re2! 28.Qd8+ Kg7 29.Qc7+ Kh8 30.Qxf4

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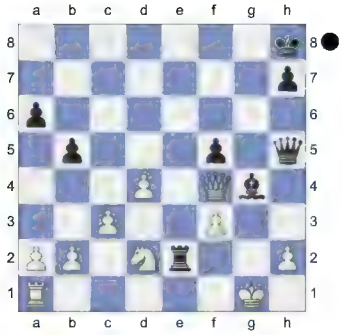
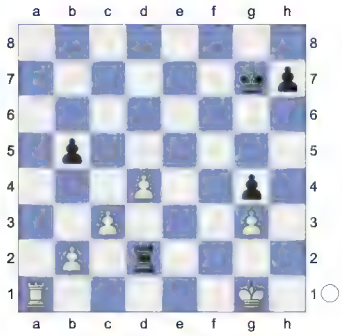
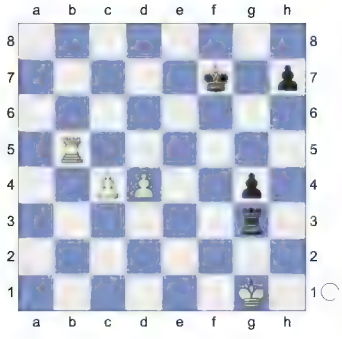


Chess con chili. **30...Qh3**

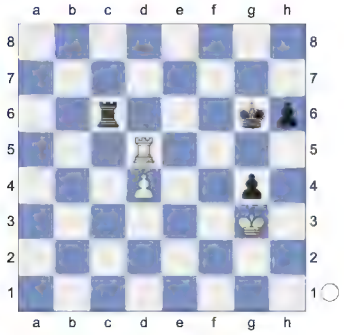
31.Qg3 Prevents Qg2+. **31...Rxd2 32.fxg4 Qxg3+ 33.hxg3 fxg4=**
Endgame KR-KR **34.a4 Kg7 35.axb5 axb5**



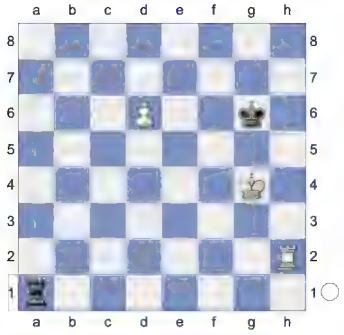
36.Ra7+ Kg6 37.Rb7 Rxb2 38.c4 Rb3 39.Rb6+ Kf7 40.Rxb5 Rxg3+



41.Kf2 Rd3 42.Rd5 Kg6 43.c5 Black must now prevent c6. **43...Rc3** ...h5 is the strong threat. **44.c6 Rxc6** aiming for ...h5. **45.Kg3 h6**



46.Kxg4 h5+ 47.Rxh5 Rc1 And now ... Rg1+ would win. **48.Rh2 Ra1 49.d5 Rb1 50.d6 Ra1**



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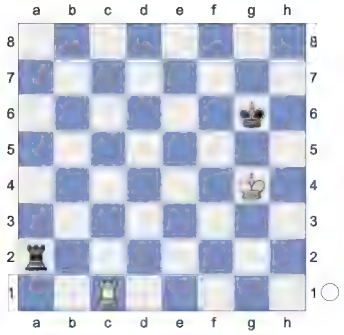

56.Rb1 Rc2 57.Ra1 Rb2 58.Rc1 Ra2 59.Rb1 Rc2 60.Ra1 Rb2

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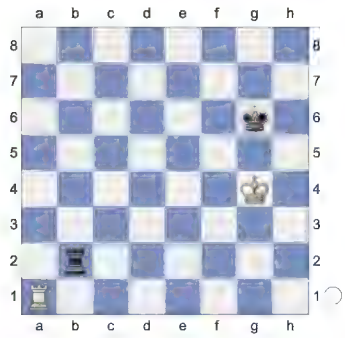

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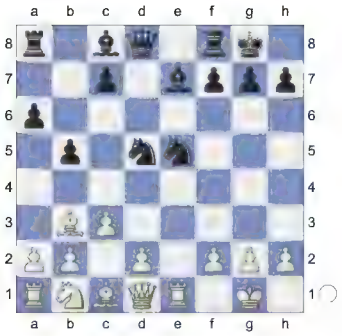
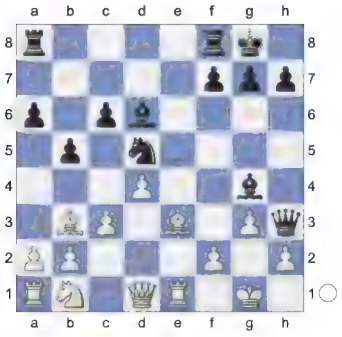
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

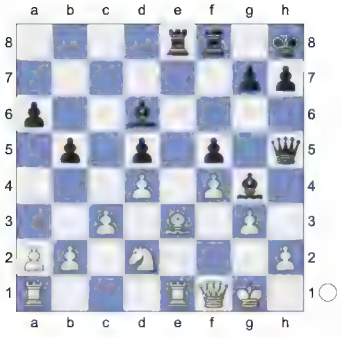
(Diagram)



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d4 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4



16.Qd3 Rae8 17.Nd2 f5 18.Qf1 Qh5 19.f4 Kh8 20.Bxd5 cxd5



21.a4 bxa4 22.Rxa4 Rf6 23.Rxa6 0.15/23

[23.Ra5± 0.59/20 should be considered.]

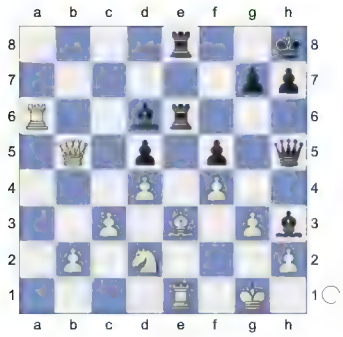
23...Rfe6!= 24.Qb5 0.01/26

[24.Qf2!± 0.64/26]

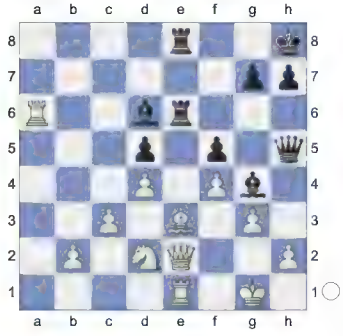
24...Bh3N 0.56/22

[24...Rh6 25.Nf1± *(25.h3 Bxh3 26.Kf2 Rf8±)* 25...Bf3 26.Bc1 Rf8 27.Re3 Be4 28.Rc6 Rg6 29.Qa6 Qh6 30.Re2 Kg8 31.Rc8 Qh5 32.Rf2 Rxc8 33.Qxc8+ Bf8 34.b3 Qd1 35.Ba3 Rf6 36.Be7 Rf7 37.Bxf8 Rxf8 38.Qe6+ Kh8 39.Qd6 Ra8 40.Qc6 Unzicker,W-Nunn,J GER 1991 The Total Marshall [various] ½-½ (49) Rb8 41.b4 h6 42.Qc7 Ra8 43.b5 Bd3 44.b6 Ra2 45.b7 Rxf2 46.b8Q+ Kh7 47.Qxg7+ Kxg7 48.Qc7+ Kg6 49.Qc6+ Kg7 ½-½ (49) 11. ♗e3 ♖e8 12.♗d3 ♘b4-10. ♘ bd2 ♕ d6_14033 Russia 1991 CT-1892 [S&V #43]]

[24...g5= 0.01/26 25.Qxd5 *(25.fxg5? f4-+)* 25...gxf4 *(25...Rxe3 26.Rxe3 Rxe3 27.Rxd6* 1-0 (27) Luther,T-Pelevanis,A GRC 1993 The Total Marshall [Nunn]*)* 26.Rxd6 Rxe3 27.Rxe3 fxe3]



25.Qe2!± Bg4

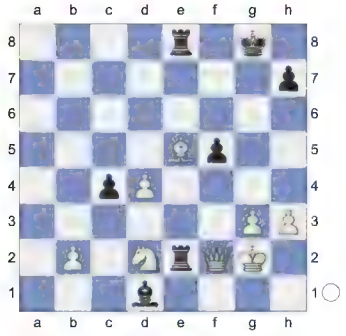


This bishop pair is nice. **26.Qf2 g5!**

(Diagram)

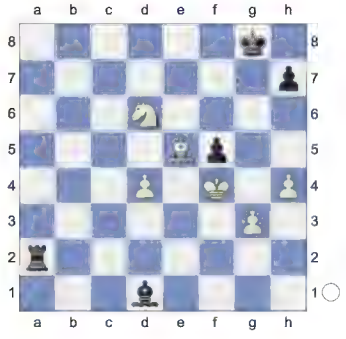
27.Rxd6!
[27.Raa1 Bh3 *(27...gxf4 28.Bxf4 Re2 29.Rxe2 Rxe2 30.Qxe2 Bxe2 31.Bxd6 Kg7 32.Re1 Bd3 33.Be5+* ½-½ (31) Traut,G (2306)-Gnuechtel,A (2282) www.remoteschach.de 2014*)* 28.Qf3 Bg4 29.Qxd5 gxf4 30.Bf2 fxg3 31.hxg3 Be2 32.Ra8 Qg6 33.Rxe8+ Rxe8 34.Qg2 f4 35.d5 Kg8 36.gxf4 Qxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Bxf4 38.Nf1 Re5 39.Bh4 1-0 (37) Ruch,E (2484)-Roach,W (2273) ICCF email 2000 UltraCorr3a [Ruch]]
27...Rxd6 **28.fxg5** Hoping for Nb3.
28...Rde6 29.c4 0.01/26
[29.h4!± 0.57/21]
29...Qxg5 0.51/22 **30.Bxg5 Rxe1+**

31.Kg2 And now h3 would win.
31...dxc4 32.Bf6+? 3.26/5
[32.h3± 0.39/24 Bd1 33.Nxc4 *(33.Bf6+ Kg8∓)*]
32...Kg8+- Strongly threatening ...R8e2.
33.h3
[33.Nxc4 R8e2 34.d5 Rxf2+ 35.Kxf2 Rd1∓]
33...Bd1 34.Be5
[34.Nxc4 R8e2 35.d5 Rxf2+ 36.Kxf2 Re2+ 37.Kf1 Kf7∓]
34...Re2



35.Nxc4! Rxf2+

36.Kxf2= Endgame KRB-KBN **36...Rc8 37.Nd6 Rc2+ 38.Ke3 Rxb2 39.Kf4 Rh2 40.h4! Ra2**



41.Kxf5 Ra6 42.Bf4 h5 43.Ke5 Ra3 44.d5 Bf3 45.Nc4 Ra4

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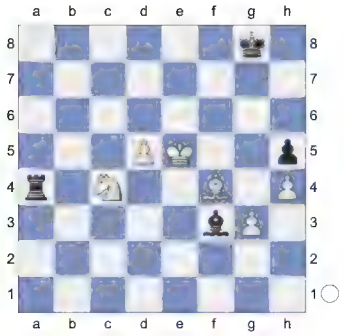
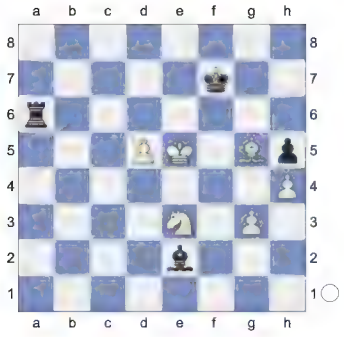
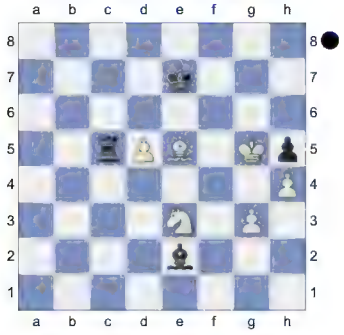


46.Ne3 Ra6 47.Bg5 Kf7 48.Kf4 Be2 49.Ke4 Rg6 50.Ke5 Ra6



51.Kf5 Ra4 52.Bf4 Ke7 53.Kg5 Ra5 54.Bc7 Rc5 55.Be5 -0.96/23

[55.Bf4= -0.01/25]



55...Kf7 -0.01/25

[55...Bf3!∓ -0.96/23]

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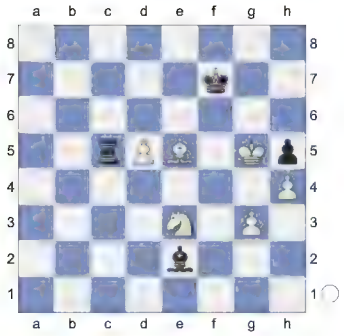
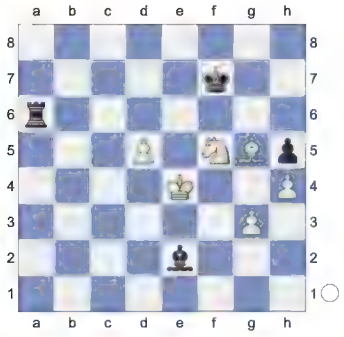
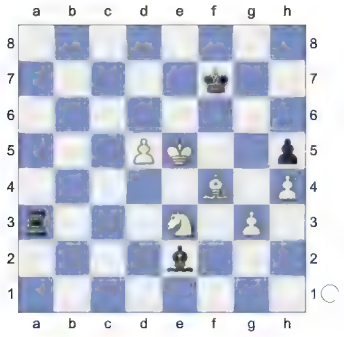


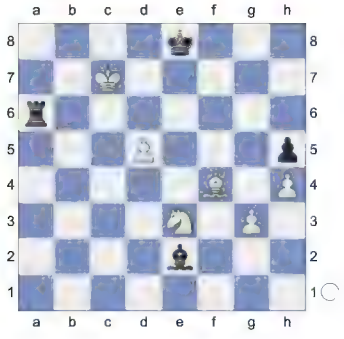
56.Kf4 Ra5 57.Ke4 Ra6 58.Bf4 Kg7 59.Nf5+ Kf6 60.Bg5+ Kf7



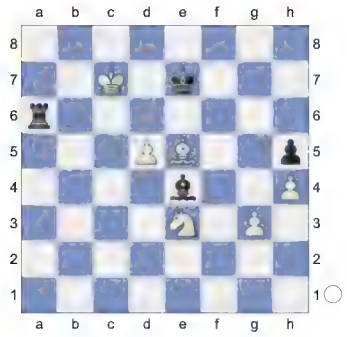
61.Ke3 Bf1 62.Kd4 Ra5 63.Ne3 Ra4+ 64.Ke5 Be2 65.Bf4 Ra3



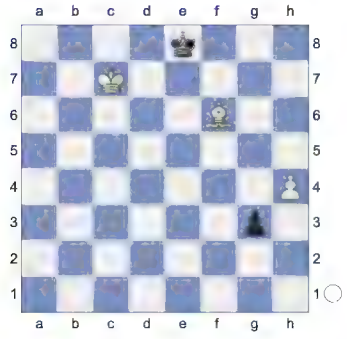
66.Kd6 Ra5 The position is equal.
67.Kd7 Ra6 68.Bd6 Bb5+ 69.Kc7 Be2 70.Bf4 Ke8



71.Nf5 Bf3 72.Ne3 Ke7 73.Nf5+
[Reject 73.d6+ Ke6 74.Nf5 Ra7+ 75.Kc8 Bg2∓]
73...Kf6 74.Ne3 Ke7 75.Be5
[Don't play 75.d6+ Ke6 76.Nf5 Ra7+ 77.Kc8 Bg2∓]
75...Be4

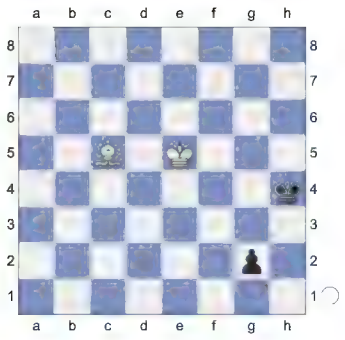


76.Bd4
[Avoid the trap 76.d6+? Ke6 77.d7 Ra7+ 78.Kb6 Rxd7∓]
76...Ke8 77.g4 Bxd5 78.Nxd5 hxg4 79.Nf6+ Rxf6 80.Bxf6 White wants to mate with Bd4. KB-KP **80...g3**

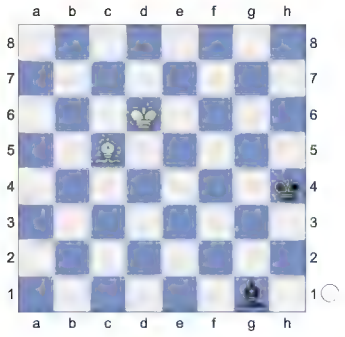


81.Kd6 Kf7! 82.Bh8 g2 83.Bd4 Threatening mate with h5. **83...Kg6 84.Ke5** Intending Kf4 and mate. **84...Kh5 85.Bc5 Kxh4**

(Diagram)



86.Kd6 g1B



Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

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■ **Nikitosikbot** **2865**
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C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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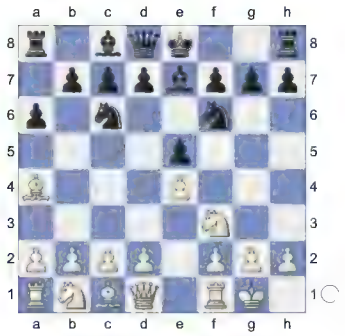
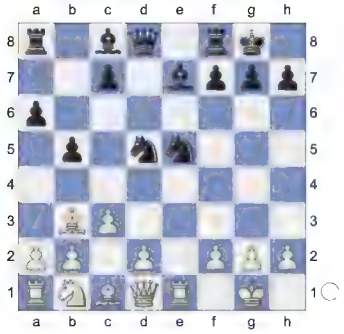
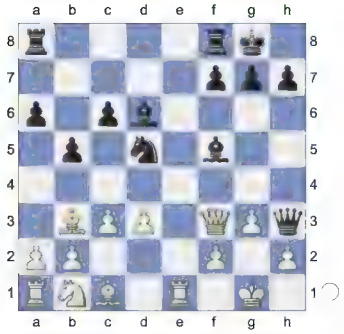


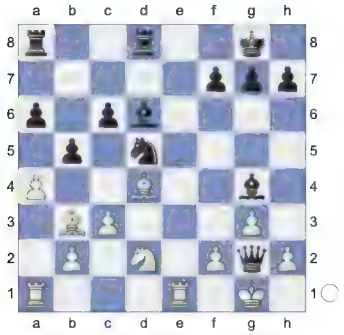
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[Much weaker is 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

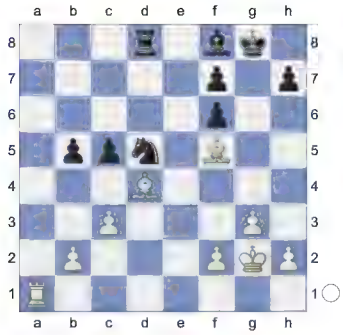


16.Be3 Bxd3 The position is equal.
[Don't do 16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
17.Bd4 Bf5 18.Nd2! Rfd8 19.a4 Bg4 20.Qg2 Qxg2+

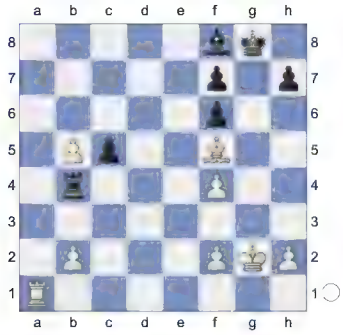


21.Kxg2 Be6 22.axb5 axb5 23.Ne4 Bf8 24.Bc2 Rxa1N
[24...Nc7]
25.Rxa1 Bf5

26.Nf6+ gxf6 27.Bxf5 White wants to play b4. **27...c5**



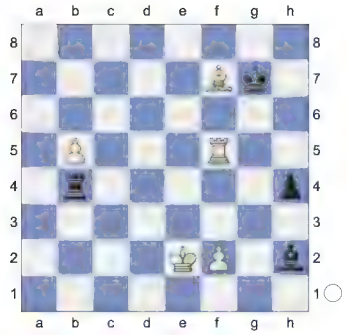
Prevents b4. **28.c4! Nf4+**
[28...bxc4 29.Bc3]
29.gxf4 Rxd4 30.cxb5= Endgame KRB-KRB **30...Rb4**



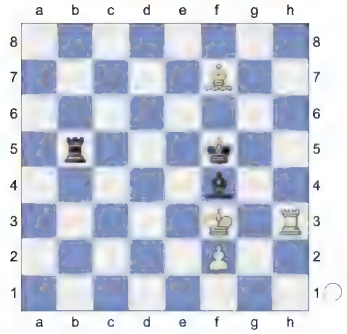
31.Bd7 Rxb2 32.Kf3 f5 33.Ra7!
[Of course not 33.Bxf5 Rxb5 34.Be4 Rb3+ 35.Kg4 c4=]
33...Rb3+ 34.Ke2 Bd6 35.Ra6 0.01/18
[35.Be8± 0.32/17 deserves consideration. Kf8 36.Bxf7 Rxb5 37.Bc4]
35...Bxf4

(Diagram)

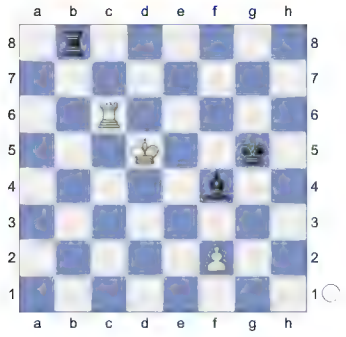
36.Rc6 Bxh2 37.Rxc5 h5 38.Rxf5 h4 39.Be8 Rb4 40.Bxf7+ Kg7



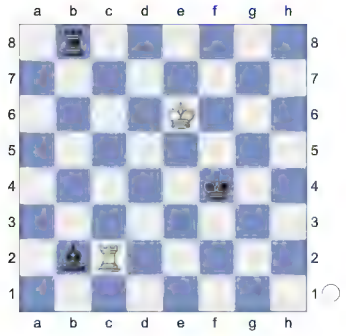
41.Kf3 h3 42.Rg5+? -1.58/23
[42.Be8= -0.01/21]
42...Kf6 -0.78/22
[⌓42...Kxf7 -1.58/23 43.Rh5 Rf4+ 44.Ke2 Re4+ 45.Kf3 Re8]
43.Rg6+ -1.66/21
[43.Rg4∓ -0.78/22 Rb1 44.Ba2 Rxb5 45.Rh4]
43...Kf5? 0.37/21
[43...Kxf7-+ -1.66/21 44.Rh6 Rf4+ 45.Ke2 Re4+ 46.Kf3 Re8]
44.Rh6± Bf4 45.Rxh3 Rxb5



46.Bg6+ Kxg6= KRB-KR **47.Ke4?** -1.60/17
[47.Kxf4± 0.31/24 is the one way to stay ahead. Rb2 48.Rf3]
47...Rb8? 0.35/24 **48.Rc3?** -1.54/18
[48.Kxf4± 0.35/24 was forced to keep a grip. Rb2 49.f3]
48...Bc1? 0.34/26 **49.Rc6+** White has compensation. **49...Kg5 50.Kd5?** -2.48/23
[50.Rxc1± 0.37/28 Rb4+ 51.Kf3]
50...Bf4



51.Ke6 -2.97/23
[51.Ke4∓ -1.57/20]
51...Bc1? 0.01/23 **52.Kf7?** -3.12/22
[52.Rxc1= 0.01/23 Rb2 53.Ke5]
52...Bb2 53.f4+ -3.23/24
[⌓53.Ke6 -2.28/21 Re8+ 54.Kf7]
53...Kxf4-+ 54.Ke6 Ba1 55.Rc2 Bb2? 0.01/18
[55...Rb5-+ -2.91/20 56.Rc4+ Kf3]

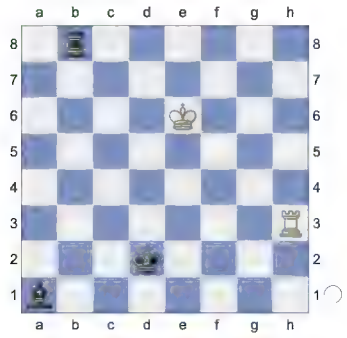


56.Rf2+? -3.44/20
[56.Rc6!= 0.01/18]
56...Ke3 57.Rf1 Ba1? 0.00/25 **58.Re1+ Kd2** (-> ...Re8+) **59.Rh1?** -3.45/22
[59.Rxa1= 0.00/24 and White is okay.

Ke3 60.Rh1]

59...Bb2 60.Rh3 Ba1? 0.01/20

[60...Rb5-+ -3.12/22 And now ...Bd4 would win. 61.Kd7 Bd4]



61.Kd5? -3.01/19

[61.Rh1!= 0.01/20]

61...Bb2? -0.01/20

[61...Ke2-+ -3.01/19 62.Rh2+ Kf3]

62.Rg3? -3.55/19

[62.Ke6!= -0.01/20]

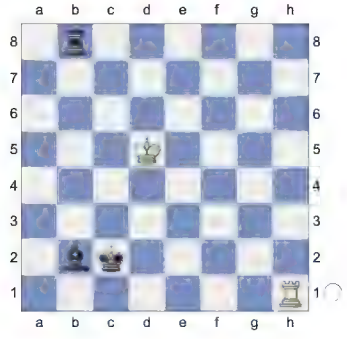
62...Ba1? -0.01/19

[Black should play 62...Ke2-+ -3.55/19 63.Kc4 Bc1]

63.Rg2+? -3.96/20

[63.Rh3!= -0.01/19]

63...Kc1 64.Rh2 Bb2 65.Rh1+ Kc2



66.Rh3 Ba1 67.Rh2+ Kb1 68.Rg2 Bb2 69.Kc4 Ba1? -0.01/21

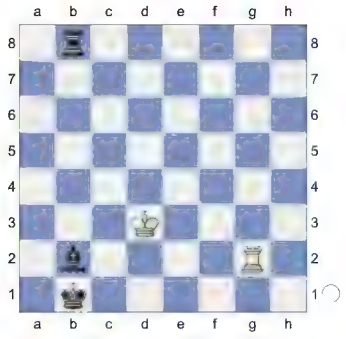
[69...Rc8+-+ -2.48/23 70.Kd5 Rc1]

70.Kd3? -2.52/23

[70.Kd5!= -0.01/21]

70...Bb2? -0.01/21

[70...Bf6-+ -2.52/23 ...Rd8+ is the strong threat. 71.Kc4 Bb2]



71.Rf2? -3.00/22

[71.Kc4!= -0.01/21]

71...Ba1? 0.01/21

[71...Ka2-+ -3.00/22 72.Rf5 Kb3]

72.Rf1+? -2.75/23

[72.Rg2!= 0.01/21]

72...Ka2 73.Rf7 Bb2 74.Ke4 Ba1? -0.01/20

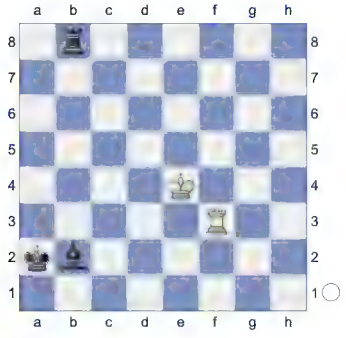
[74...Bc3-+ -2.62/20 75.Kd5 Kb3]

75.Rf3? -2.28/21

[75.Kd3!= -0.01/20]

75...Bb2? 0.01/20

[75...Ra8-+ -2.28/21 aiming for ...Kb2. 76.Kd5 Kb2]



76.Rd3? -2.23/23

[76.Rf7!= 0.01/20]

76...Ba1? 0.01/20

[76...Bh8-+ -2.23/23 Hoping for ... Rg8. 77.Rh3 Kb2]

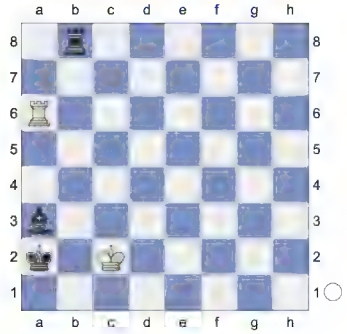
77.Rd6? -2.17/21

[77.Rf3!= 0.01/20]

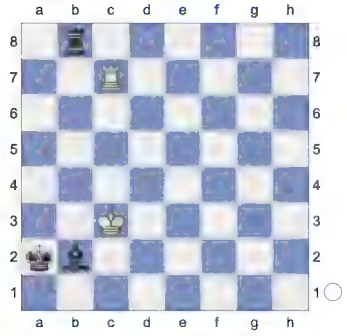
77...Bb2? -0.01/18

[77...Kb3-+ -2.17/21 78.Kd5 Bc3]

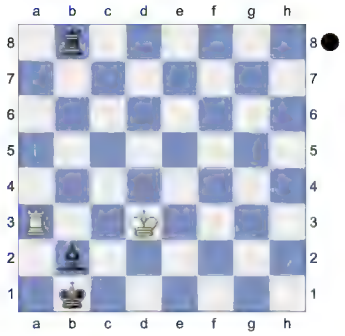
78.Kd3? -2.42/22
[78.Rd3!= -0.01/18 and White has nothing to worry.]
78...Ba1? 0.01/20
[78...Ba3-+ -2.42/22 79.Rd7 Kb3]
79.Kc2? -2.30/24
[79.Ke4!= 0.01/20]
79...Bb2? -0.01/22
[Black should try 79...Rc8+-+ -2.30/24 80.Kd3 Bc3]
80.Ra6+? -1.68/5
[80.Kd3!= -0.01/22]
80...Ba3



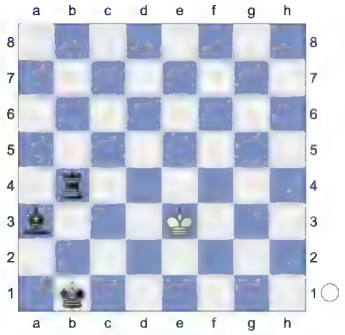
81.Rc6 Bc1? 0.01/26 **82.Rc7?** -2.39/21
[82.Ra6+= 0.01/26 and White stays safe. Ba3 83.Rc6]
82...Bb2 83.Ra7+ Ba3 84.Rc7 -3.42/21
Prevents Rc8.
[⌓84.Ra6 -1.94/20]
84...Bc1? 0.00/26 **85.Kc3** -1.48/24
[85.Kxc1= 0.00/26 Kb3 86.Kd2]
85...Bb2+∓



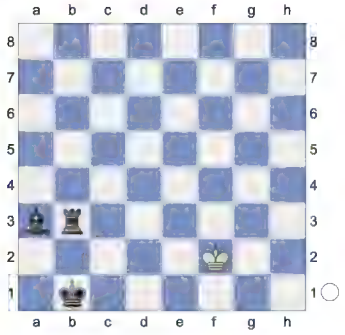
86.Kc4 -2.00/23
[86.Kc2∓ -1.53/21]
86...Ba1 87.Ra7+? -4.10/23
[87.Kd3∓ -1.60/22]
87...Kb1? -1.20/25
[87...Kb2-+ -4.10/23 and Black stays clearly on top. Strongly threatening ... Rd8. 88.Ra6 Rc8+ 89.Kd3 Kb1]
88.Ra3 Bb2 -0.91/25
[Better is 88...Rc8+ -1.40/24 89.Kd5 Bc3]
89.Kd3? -#12/26



Bxa3 Black mates. **90.Ke3 Rb4**



91.Kf2 Rb3



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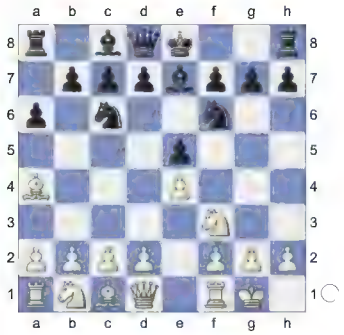
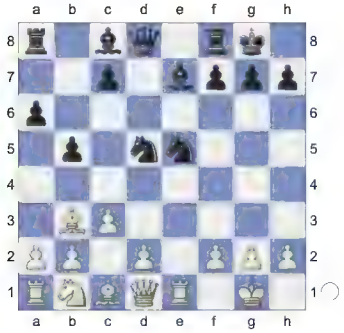
116 **C89**
□ **Chess Network** **2680**
■ **Kivurawnuru** **2842**
Blitz 10.03.2023
[Kitty Kat]

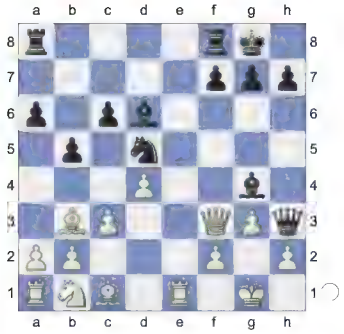
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



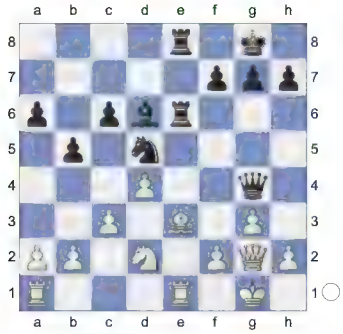
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qf3 Bg4



16.Qg2 Qh5! Threatens to win with ... Rfe8. **17.Be3 Rae8** Strongly threatening ...Bf3.
[17...Bf3 18.Qf1±]
18.Nd2 Prevents Bf3. **18...Re6**
[18...Re7 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Bf4 Bh3 21.Qf3 Bg4 22.Qg2 Bh3 23.Qf3 Bg4 24.Qg2 ½-½ (24) Ernst,H (2771)-Delmarko,D (2699) Game 3 2010 Telechess CBM 89 [John Watson]]
19.Bd1 The position is equal.
[19.Nf1 Rfe8 20.Bd1 Bxd1 21.Raxd1 f5 22.Bd2 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Rxe1 24.Bxe1 Qd1 25.Bd2 g6 26.f3 Kf7 27.b3 Qa1 28.Qe2 Nxc3 29.Bxc3 Qxc3 30.Qd1 Qb2 31.Qd2 Qxd2 32.Nxd2 Ke6 33.Kf2 Kd5 Valle Luis,L (2266)-Beerdsen,T (2509) 25. Sants Open | Group A 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (52)]
19...Rfe8N
[19...Bxd1 20.Raxd1 Rfe8 21.Qf3 Qxf3 22.Nxf3 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Rxe3 24.Rxe3 Rxe3 25.Kf2 Re6 26.d5 Bc5+ 27.Kf1 Rd6 28.b4 Bb6 29.Re1 g6 30.dxc6 Rxc6 31.Rc1 f6 32.Ke2 Re6+ 33.Kd1 Rc6 34.Kc2 Hunt,C (1896)-Schiffers,E (2166) Moscow 2023 17 c5, Nf6 and g6: model [John Watson] ½-½ (35) Kf7 35.Rd1 ½-½ (35) Hernandez Tellez,C (1896)-Reyes Betancourt,A (2166) Benalmadena 2023]
20.Bxg4 Qxg4



21.Nf1 h5 Black has compensation. **22.h3 Qg6 23.a4 h4** -0.14/21

[23...Qc2∓ -0.45/21 should be considered.]

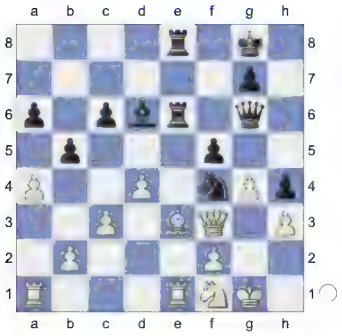
24.g4 -1.28/23

[24.gxh4= -0.14/21 remains equal. Qc2 25.axb5 axb5 26.Bd2]

24...Nf4∓ &Nero is much more active.

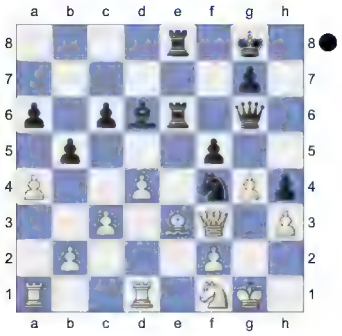
25.Qf3 f5 -0.38/22

[25...Nd3∓ -1.35/20 26.Re2 Rf6]



26.Red1? -2.25/19

[26.Nh2∓ -0.38/22]



This costs White the game. **26...fxg4!-+**

27.hxg4 Rf8! Hoping for ...Re4.

28.axb5 -2.97/23

[28.Rd2 -2.02/18 was worth a try.]

28...axb5 -1.70/20

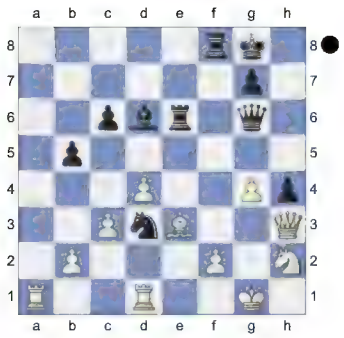
[⌓28...Re4 -2.97/23 29.Nh2 *(29.Rxa6? Nd5-+)* 29...axb5]

29.Nh2? -8.33/23

[29.Rd2 -1.70/20]

29...Nd3 30.Qh3

(Diagram)



Bxh2+? -1.98/24

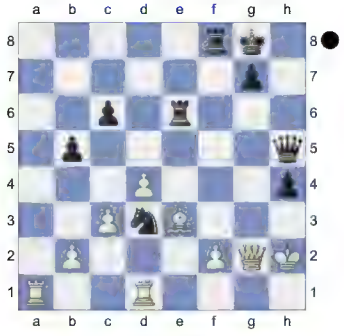
[30...Rxe3! -8.81/23 31.Qxe3 Nxf2 32.Qxf2 Rxf2 33.Kxf2 Qc2+ 34.Ke3 Qxh2 35.Ra8+ Kh7]

31.Qxh2 -7.61/22

[31.Kxh2 -1.98/24 Rxf2+ 32.Kg1 *(32.Bxf2? Nxf2 33.Ra8+ Kh7-+)*]

31...Qxg4+ 32.Qg2 Qf5? -2.57/21

[32...Qh5 -7.79/23 33.Kh2



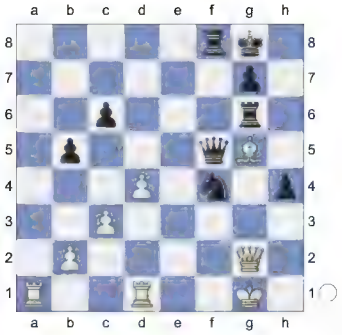
Rxe3! 34.fxe3 Rf2!]

33.Bg5? -14.16/23

[Wrong is 33.Ra7? Rg6 34.Ra8 Rxg2+-+]

[33.Kh2 -2.57/21]

33...Rg6 34.f4 Nxf4



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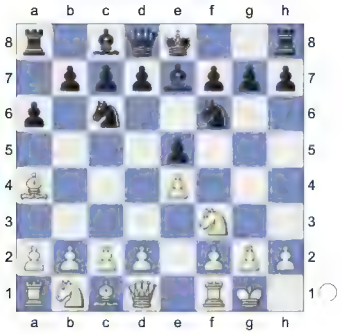
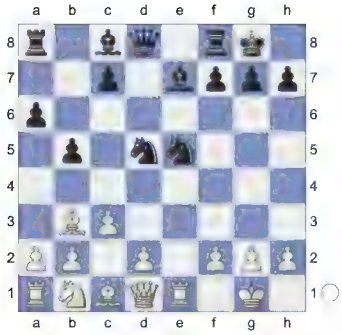
117 **C89**
□ **Farkas,Gabor** **2321**
■ **Apol,Luitjen Akselsson** **2215**
Budapest SixDays 01 IM-B (6) 26.01.23
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

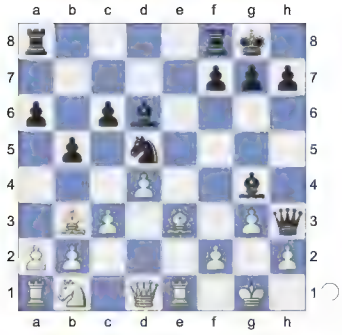


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 7...a5 is not played anymore. 7...a5 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. **8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5**

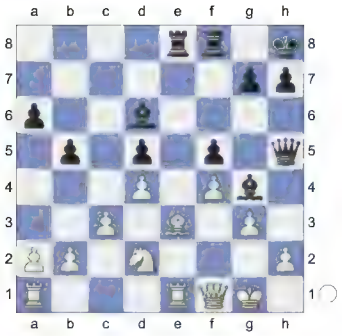
(Diagram)



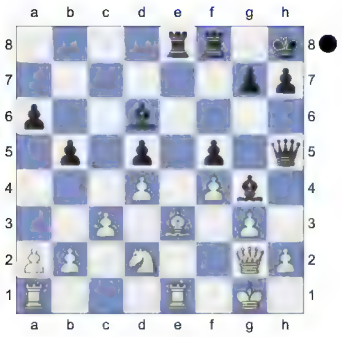
11.Rxe5 c6N
[11...Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Bxd5 Bxd5 14.Re1 Re8 15.Be3 Qd6 16.Nd2 Re7 17.Nf1 Rae8 18.Qd2 Qc6 19.f3 Bh4]
12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4



16.Qd3 Rae8 17.Nd2 f5
[17...Re6 18.a4 Qh5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Nf1 Bf5 21.Qd1 Bg4 22.Qd2 Qh3 23.Bd1 Bxd1 24.Raxd1 f5 25.f4 g5]
18.Qf1 Qh5 19.f4 Kh8
[19...g5 20.Bxd5+ cxd5 21.Qg2
A) 21...Re4 22.fxg5 Kh8 23.h4 *(23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.Qd2 Qh3±)* 23...Ree8 24.Qf2 f4 25.Bxf4 Be2 26.Bxd6 Rxf2 27.Kxf2 Kg8 28.Be5 Bg4;
B) 21...gxf4 22.Qxd5+ Kg7 23.Bxf4 *(23.gxf4 Rf6)* 23...Bxf4 24.gxf4 Kh8 25.Qc6 Rc8 26.Qd6 Rf7]
20.Bxd5 cxd5
(Diagram)



21.Qg2
[21.a4 bxa4! 22.Rxa4 g5 23.Raa1! Re6 24.fxg5 And now Be3-f4! would win. Rfe8! 25.Qf2 f4 0.57/23 *(25...Bh3!= 0.01/23)* 26.gxf4± Bh3 Repels Nd2-f1. Hoping for ...Qh5-g4+. 27.Rxa6 -0.01/29 *(27.Kh1!± 0.56/22)* 27...Rxe3]



21...g5 0.99/22
[21...Re4 22.Nxe4 fxe4 23.h4 Bf3]
22.Qxd5? -0.71/23 **Rd8** 0.01/23
[22...Bb8!∓ -0.71/23 Threatens to win with ...Bg4-e2. 23.Bf2 *(23.fxg5 Be2±)* 23...Be2 24.fxg5 f4]
23.Qc6 The position is equal.
[23.fxg5 Bxg3 24.Qg2 Bxe1 25.Rxe1 f4∓]
23...gxf4 24.Bxf4 Bxf4 25.gxf4 Be2

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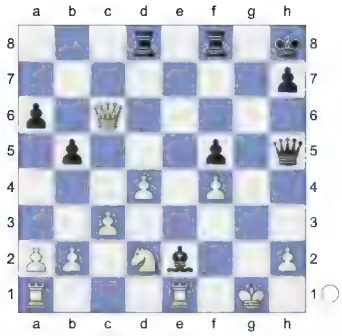


26.Kh1 aiming for Re1-g1! **26...Rde8**
27.Rg1! Bd3N 1.97/22
[27...Qh4? 1.70/25 27...Be2-g4 0.01
A) 28.Nf3 0.41/23 28.Rg1-g2 1.74 Qh5 1.44/26 *(28...Qxf4± 0.41/23 29.Ng5 Qe3 30.Rg3 Qe7 31.Rag1 Rf6 32.Qg2 Bc4 33.b3 f4 34.Nxh7 Rh6 35.Rg5 f3 36.Qxf3 Qxh7 37.Qg2 Rg8 38.Rxg8+ Bxg8 39.Rf1 Rg6 40.Qf3 Rg5 41.Re1 Bd5 42.Qxd5 Rxd5 43.Re8+ Kg7 44.Re7+ Kg6* 0-1 Abrantes,V-Cleto,F Final VII C. P 1991 *)*

29.Rg3!;
B) White should play 28.Rg2+- 1.70/25 Qxf4 29.Re1 Qxd2 30.Reg1 Bf3 31.Qxf3 Qh6 32.Re2 f4 33.Rxe8 Rxe8 34.Rf1 Re3 35.Qa8+ Kg7 36.Rg1+ Kf7 37.Qg8+ Kf6 38.Qd8+ Kf7 39.Qd7+ Kf6 40.Qd6+ Re6 41.Qd8+ Kf5 42.Qd7 Qh3 43.Qf7+ 1-0 Kwolek-Olszewski,A corr_100612 1990;

C) 28.Qg2? -0.01/23 28...Rg8!= 29.Qc6 Rgf8? 1.76/22 *(29...Bg4= -0.25/26* and Black has nothing to worry. *)* 30.Qg2? -0.01/19 *(30.Rae1+- 1.76/22)* 30...Rg8!= 31.Qc6 -0.82/23 *(31.Qd5!?= 0.01/25* remains equal. *Qxf4 32.Rxg8+ Rxg8 33.Qe5+ Qxe5 34.dxe5=)*]

[27...Bg4± 0.31/23 28.Qd6 *(28.Qxa6 Re2 29.Rg2 Rxg2 30.Kxg2 Qh3+* Deflection *31.Kf2 Qxh2+ 32.Kf1 Qe2+ 33.Kg1 Bh3 34.Qb7 Rg8+ 35.Kh1 Bg2+ 36.Kh2 Bxb7+* Discovered Attack (Check) *37.Kh3 Qh5#; 28.Rae1 Re4=)* 28...Bf3+ 29.Nxf3 Qxf3+ 30.Rg2 Rf7]

28.Rg2+- Strongly threatening Ra1-g1!

[28.Qxa6 Re2]

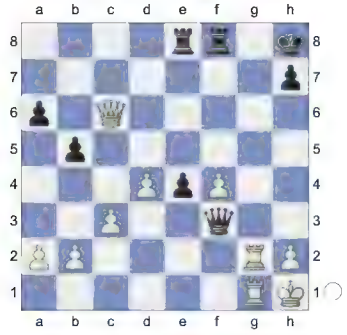
28...Be4 29.Nxe4

[29.Qxa6 Bxg2+ 30.Kg1 Qg4]

29...fxe4 30.Rag1

[30.Qxa6 Rxf4 31.Rag1 e3+-]

30...Qf3



31.Qh6 Rf7

[31...Qxf4 32.Qg7#]

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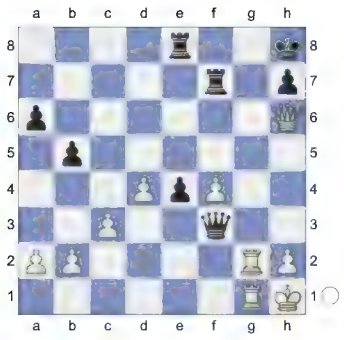


Prevents Qh6-g7+ **32.Qg5!**

[32.Qxa6? Rg8 33.Qxb5 Rfg7-+]

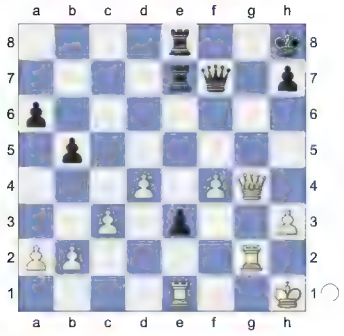
32...e3 33.Qg4 1.28/22

[33.Qg3+- 1.69/23 Qe4 34.h3]

33...Qd5 2.59/22 This costs Black the game.

[33...Qe4± 1.28/22 34.Re1 Qxf4]

34.h3 Rfe7 35.Re1 Qf7



36.f5 a5 3.33/23

[36...b4 2.17/21 might work better. 37.cxb4 Qf6]

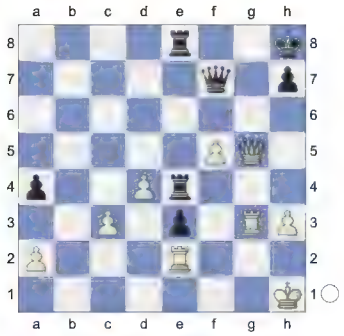
37.Qg5 Re4 38.Ree2 b4 Vorgänger: **39.Rg3 bxc3** 4.06/25

[⌓39...a4 2.87/21 40.a3 *(40.Rgxe3 Rxe3 41.Rxe3 Rxe3±; 40.cxb4 Rxd4 41.f6 Rd2+-; 40.Rexe3 Rxe3 41.Rxe3 Rxe3=)* 40...bxc3 41.bxc3 R4e7]

40.bxc3

[40.Rgxe3 cxb2 *(40...Rxe3? 41.Rxe3 Qd5+ 42.Kh2-+)* 41.Rxe4 b1Q+ *(41...b1R+ 42.Kh2±)* 42.Qg1 Qxe4+ *(42...Rxe4? 43.Qxb1 Rxe2 44.Qb8+ Re8 45.Qb2-+)* 43.Rxe4 Rxe4-+]

40...a4



41.f6

[41.Rexe3? loses. Rxe3 42.Rxe3 Qd5+ 43.Kg1 Rg8-+]

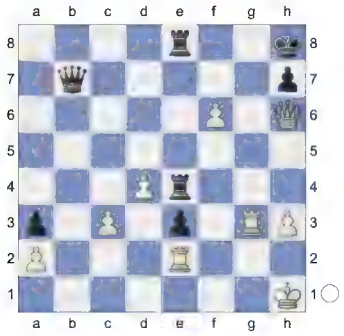
41...a3? 11.89/21

[41...Rg8 2.64/24 42.Qxg8+ Qxg8 43.Rxg8+ Kxg8]

42.Qh6 White threatens Rg3-g7! and mate.

[42.Rexe3 Rxe3 43.Rxe3 Rxe3 44.Qxe3 Qd5+ 45.Kg1 Qxa2=]

42...Qb7

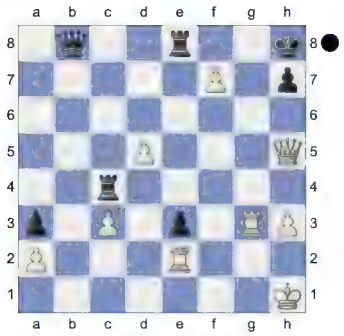


43.d5! White wants to mate with Rg3-g7.

43...Rc4

[43...Ra4 44.Qh5]

44.Qh5 Qb8 45.f7



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0-1

118 **C89**

□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**

■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**

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C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

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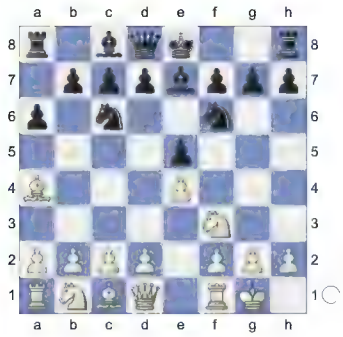
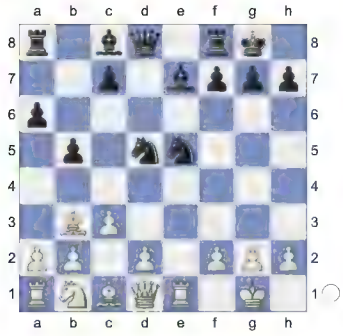


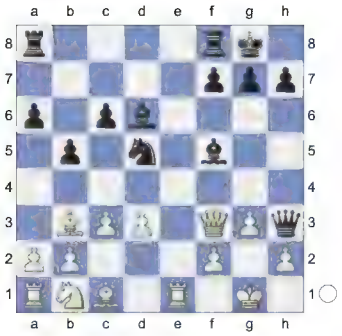
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



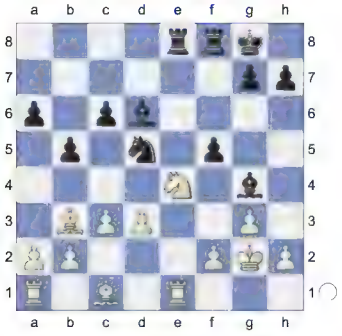
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3

[Much weaker is 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]

15...Qh3



16.Nd2 Rae8 White has an edge.
17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 0.03/5
[18...Qh5± 0.41/21]
19.Kxg2= f5

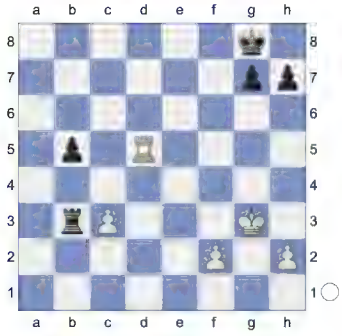


20.Bf4! Bxf4

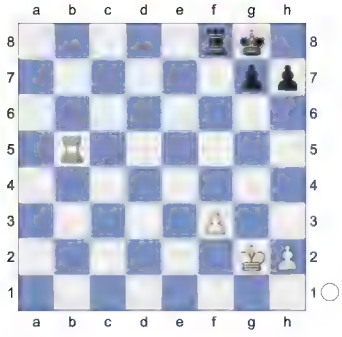
21.gxf4 And now Ng3 would win.
21...Bf3+ 1.66/24 **22.Kxf3+- fxe4+ 23.dxe4** 0.46/21
[23.Rxe4± 1.49/22 Rxe4 24.Bxd5+ *(24.Kxe4 Rxf4+ 25.Ke5 Rxf2±)* 24...cxd5 25.dxe4]
23...Rxf4+± 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4=

(Diagram)

Endgame KRB-KRN **26.a4** Threatening axb5. **26...Re2!** The position is equal.
27.axb5 axb5 28.Rd1 Rxb2 29.Bxd5+ cxd5 30.Rxd5 KR-KR **30...Rb3**

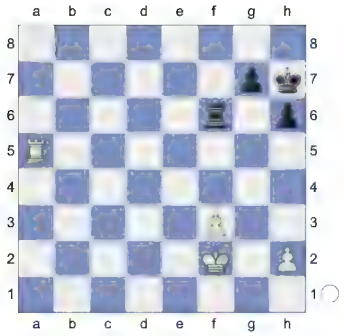


31.Kg4N
[31.f3 Rxc3 32.Rxb5 ½-½ (32) Karjakin,S (2750)-Artemiev,V (2701) Moscow 2024 MegaBase2025-Update05 [Kitty Kat]]
31...Rxc3 32.Rxb5 Rc4+ 33.Kg3 Rc3+ 34.Kg2 Rc8 35.f3 Rf8

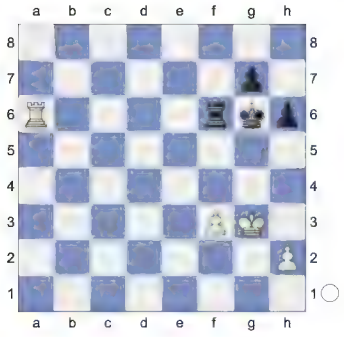


36.Kg3 h6 37.Ra5 Kh7 38.Rb5 Rf6 39.Ra5 Rg6+ 40.Kf2 Rf6

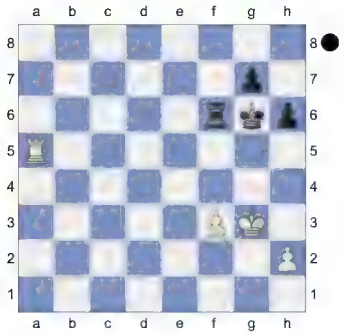
(Diagram)



41.Kg2 Kg6 42.Kg3 Rf5 43.Ra6+ Rf6 44.Ra5 Rf5 45.Ra6+ Rf6



46.Ra5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

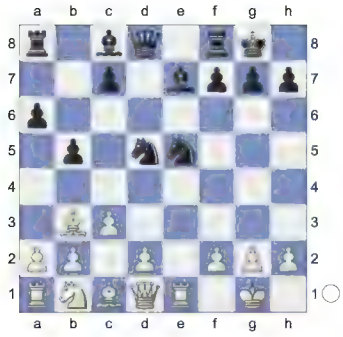
119 **C89**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
chess.com SpeedChess 2022 blitz (4.34)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

Alexander Delchev: 'Hi Everyone, We are at the start of one of the strongest tournaments this year - Gashimov Memorial. Already in the first round, we will take a closer look on the most interesting game - continuation of the clash between the reigning champion Carlsen with black pieces and his last contender - the ex-champion Anand.'

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

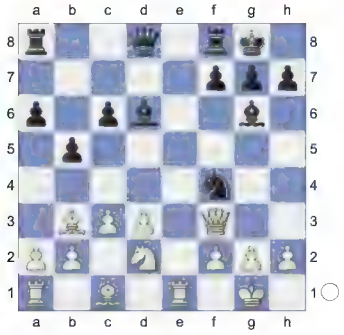
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



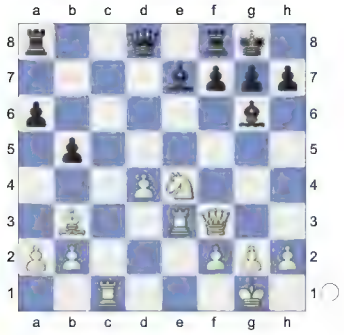
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Bg6
[14...Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5 20.h3 Bh5 21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4 fxe4 23.dxe4 Bf3+ 24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Kf3 Rf4+ 28.Kg3 Re4 29.Kf3 Hammari,V (2120)-Aamodt,P (2188) Budapest 2024 ½-½]
15.Nd2N 0.03/19
[15.Na3± 0.36/17

is more appropriate.]
[15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Bf4 d4 17.cxd4 Bb4 18.Nc3 Qxd4 19.Be5 Qd7 20.Nd5 f6 21.Nxb4 fxe5 22.Qd5+ Qxd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd3 24.Rxe5 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Ne3 Rc8 27.a3 a5 28.h4 Bg6 29.Rd1 b4 Anand,V (2791)-Carlsen,M (2863) Shamkir 2015 CBM 166 [Pavlovic, Milos] ½-½ (53)]

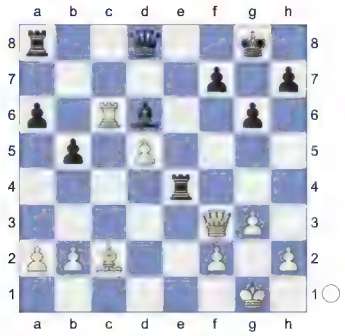
15...Nf4!=
[15...Qh4 16.g3 Qh3 17.Ne4± *(17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Qxd5 Rad8±)*]



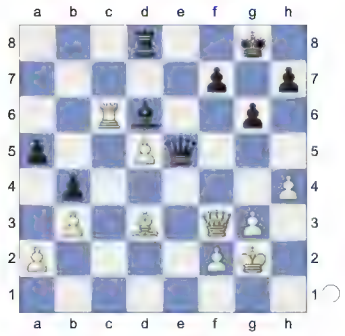
16.d4 next Ne4 is good for White.
16...Nd3 0.83/20
[16...Qd7!= 0.01/21 17.Ne4 Bh5]
17.Re3± Nxc1 18.Rxc1 c5 19.Ne4 cxd4 20.cxd4 Be7



21.d5 Bxe4 1.38/19
[⌓21...a5 0.89/17]
22.Rxe4 Bd6 23.Rc6 Re8 1.78/21
[23...a5± 1.46/20 might work better. 24.Qd3 Rb8]
24.Bc2 g6 25.g3 Black must now prevent Rxe8+. **25...Rxe4**

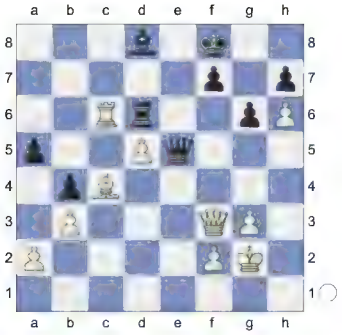


26.Bxe4 Qe7 1.72/21
[26...a5± 1.33/19 27.Bd3 Rb8]
27.Kg2+- a5 28.Bd3 b4 29.b3 1.36/20
[29.Qe3+- 1.72/21]
29...Rd8 1.88/20
[29...a4± 1.36/20 30.Qe2 Qxe2 31.Bxe2 axb3 32.axb3 Rd8]
30.h4 Qe5 2.10/23
[⌓30...Kg7 1.66/19 31.Bc4 f5]

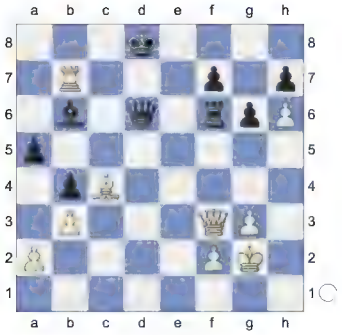


31.Ra6 Bc7 32.Bc4 And now d6! would win. **32...Rd6 33.Rc6** 1.24/22
[⌓33.Ra7 1.59/22 Kg7 34.Qe2 *(34.Rxc7 Rf6=)* 34...Qxe2 35.Bxe2]
33...Bd8 34.h5 Kg7 35.h6+ Kf8 2.29/24
[35...Kxh6± 1.40/24 keeps fighting. 36.Qxf7 Rf6 37.Rxf6 Bxf6]

(Diagram)

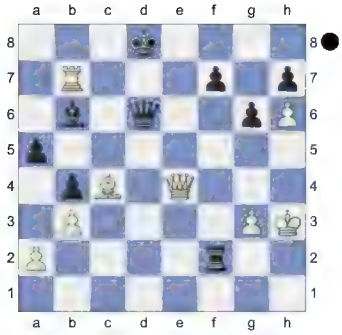


36.Rc8 Ke7 37.Ra8 Bb6 Against Ra7+
38.Rb8 Hoping for Rb7+. **38...Rf6?** 9.29/23
[38...Bc7 1.98/23 39.Ra8 Bb6]
39.d6+! Qxd6 40.Rb7+? 0.01/26
[40.Qe4++- 9.31/23 Re6 41.Qb7+ Bc7 42.Bxe6 Kxe6 43.Qe4+ Kf6 44.Rb5]
40...Kd8!=

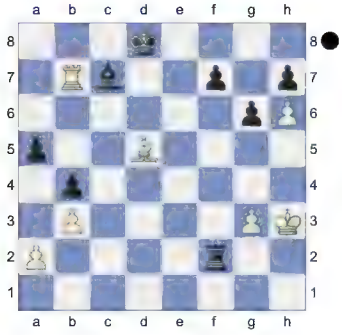


41.Qe4 -2.18/26
[41.Rb8+!= 0.01/27 Ke7 42.Qe4+ Re6 43.Qb7+ Bc7 44.Bxe6 Kxe6 45.Qe4+ Kf6 46.Rb5]
41...Rxf2+-+
[Inferior is 41...Bxf2 42.Qd5 Qxd5+ 43.Bxd5=]
42.Kh3

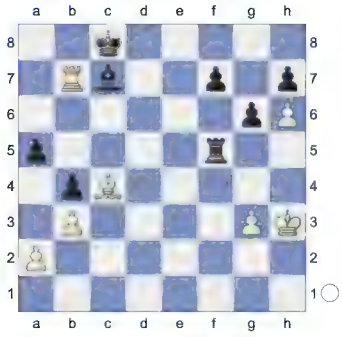
(Diagram)



Bc7! Chess con chili.
[42...f5? 43.Qh4+ Kc8 44.Ba6+-]
43.Qd5 Qxd5
[Not 43...Rxa2 44.Qxd6+ Bxd6 45.Rxf7=]
44.Bxd5 Endgame

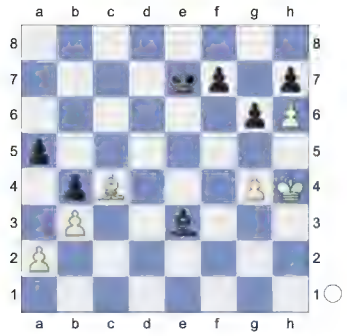


KRB-KRB **44...Rf5!**
[Worse is 44...Rxa2 45.Bxf7 Ra1 46.Kg2∓]
45.Bc4 Kc8 -1.40/24
[Black should play 45...Rh5+-+ -1.94/24 46.Kg2 Rg5]

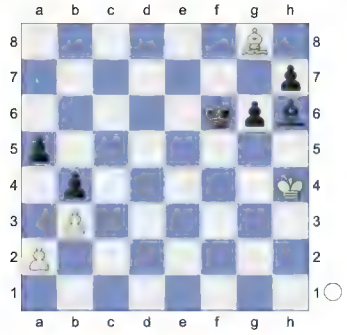


46.Rb5 -2.84/25
[46.Ba6∓ -1.40/24 was the only chance.]

46...Rxb5 47.Bxb5 KB-KB **47...Kd8 48.Bc4 Ke7 49.Kh4 Bb6 50.g4 Be3**



51.g5? -4.13/32
[51.Kg3 -2.56/27]
51...f6 52.gxf6+ Kxf6 53.Bg8 Bxh6



Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

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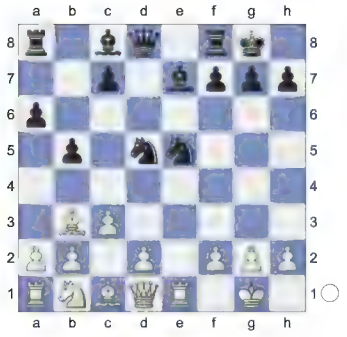
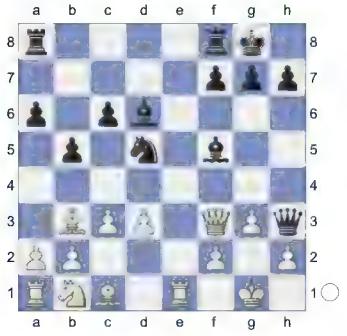


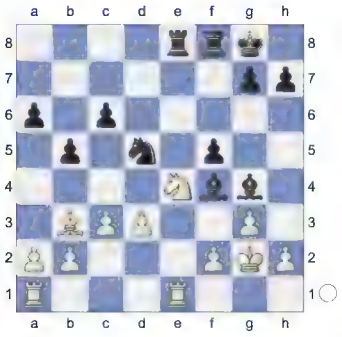
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[Much worse is 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



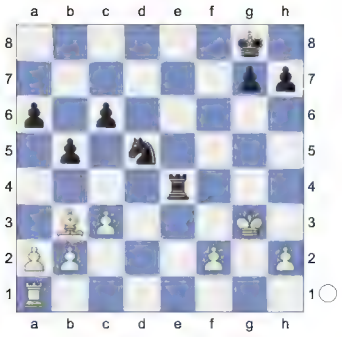
16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5⇄

(Diagram)

Black puts up resistance **20.Bf4! Bxf4**



21.gxf4 And now Ng3 would win. **21...fxe4 22.dxe4** Pin **22...Bf3+! 23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4=**



Endgame KRB-KRN **26.Rc1 Kf8! 27.c4 Ne7 28.cxb5 axb5 29.Kf3 Rh4 30.Rd1**

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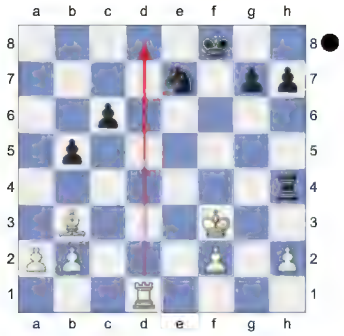

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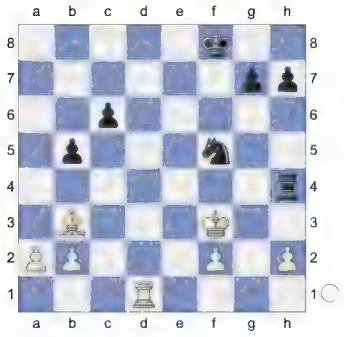
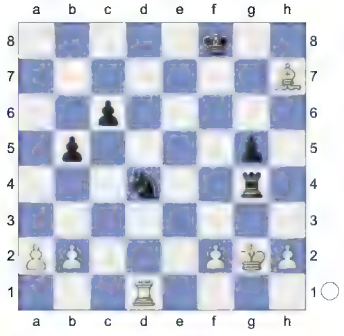
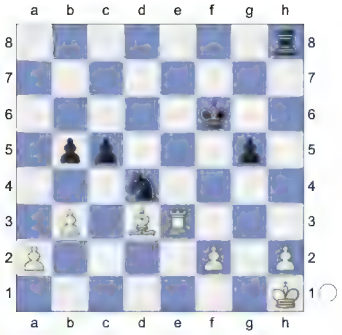


31.Bc2 Nd4+ 32.Kg3 g5 33.Bxh7N [33.Rd2 Ke7 34.f3 Nxc2 35.Rxc2 Kd6 36.Rd2+ Ke6 37.Rc2 Kd6 38.Rd2+ Ke6 39.Rc2 Kd6 ½-½ (39) Nakamura,H (2768)-Carlsen, M (2859) Chess.com INT 2022 Mega2023 Update 08 [Kitty Kat]] **33...Ne2+ 34.Kf3** White wants to play Be4. **34...Nd4+ 35.Kg2 Rg4+**



36.Kh1 Rh4 37.Bd3 Ke7 38.Re1+ Kf6 39.Re3 Prevents Nf3. **39...c5 40.b3 Rh8!**

(Diagram)



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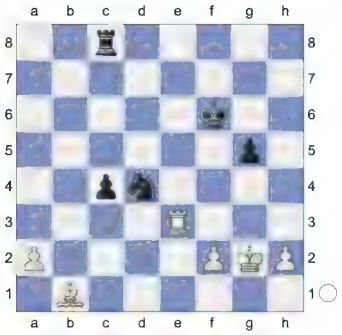
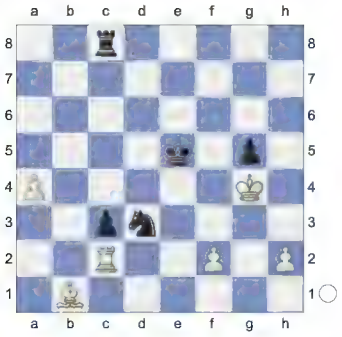
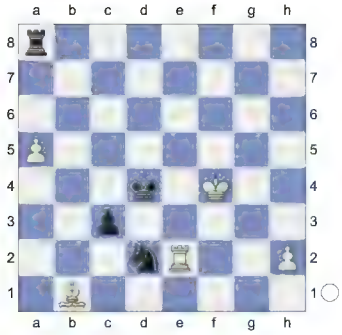


46.Rc3 Ne2 47.Rc2 Nf4+ 48.Kf3 Ke5 49.a4 Nd3 50.Kg4 c3

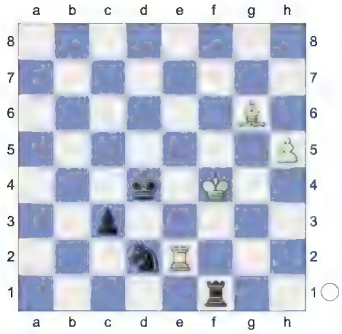


Black has compensation. **51.a5** The position is equal. **51...Kd4** Strongly threatening ...Rb8. **52.Re2 Ra8 53.f3** aiming for Re4+. **53...Ne5+ 54.Kxg5 Nxf3+ 55.Kf4 Nd2**

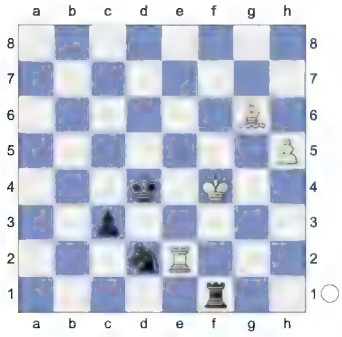
(Diagram)



Prevents Re4+. **56.Bg6 Rxa5 57.h4 Ra1 58.h5 Rf1+ 59.Kg4 Rg1+ 60.Kf4 Rf1+**



61.Kg4 Rg1+ 62.Kf4 Rf1+



An even fight not without its subleties.
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½-½

121 **C89**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
chess.com SpeedChess 2022 blitz (4.11)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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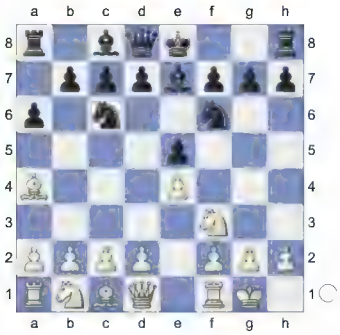
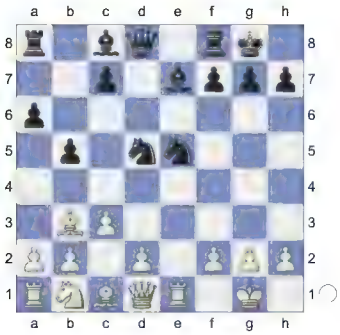
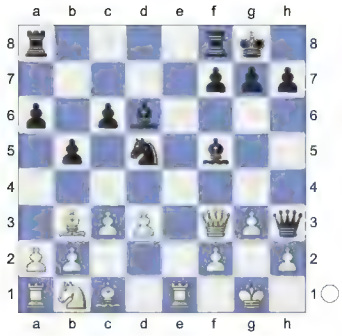


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

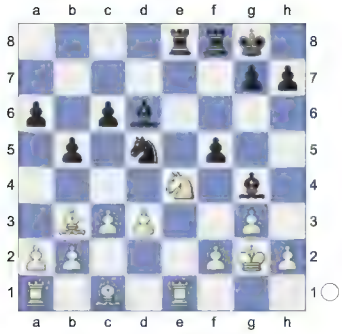


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[But not 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

(Diagram)



16.Nd2 Rae8 White is slightly better.
17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5

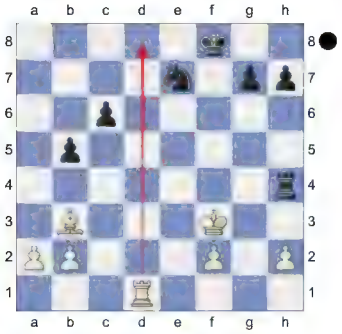


20.Bf4! Bxf4

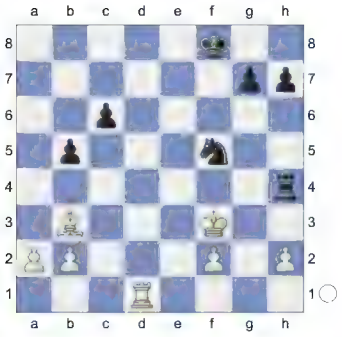
21.gxf4 Ng3 is the strong threat.
21...fxe4 22.dxe4 Pin **22...Bf3+! 23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4=**

(Diagram)

Endgame KRB - KRN **26.Rc1** aiming for c4. **26...Kf8 27.c4 Ne7 28.Kf3 Rh4 29.cxb5 axb5 30.Rd1**

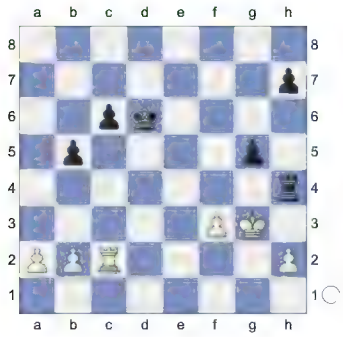


Nf5



31.Bc2! Nd4+ 32.Kg3 g5 33.Rd2N
[33.Bxh7 Ne2+ 34.Kf3 Nd4+ 35.Kg2 Rg4+ 36.Kh1 Rh4 37.Bd3 Ke7 38.Re1+ Kf6 39.Re3 c5 40.b3 Rh8 41.Kg2 Ra8 42.Bb1 c4 43.bxc4 bxc4 44.Re4 Rd8 45.Re3 Rc8 46.Rc3 Ne2 47.Rc2 Nf4+ Nakamura,H (2768)-Carlsen,M (2859) Chess.com INT 2022 ½-½ (62)]
33...Ke7 34.f3 -0.53/21
[34.Bxh7!= -0.01/23 c5 35.Bd3]
34...Nxc2∓ 35.Rxc2 Kd6

36.Rd2+! Ke6 37.Rc2 -0.87/22
[37.Rd8∓ -0.53/20]
37...Kd6 -0.01/19
[37...Kd5∓ -0.87/22]
38.Rd2+!= Ke6 0.01/20
[38...Kc5∓ -0.84/19]
39.Rc2 Kd6 -0.01/32
[Black should play 39...Kd5∓ -0.80/23]



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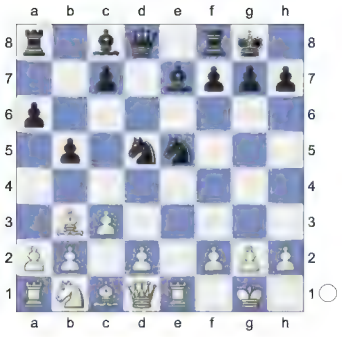
½-½

122 **C89**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2736**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
chess.com SpeedChess 2022 blitz (3.14)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7
(Diagram)

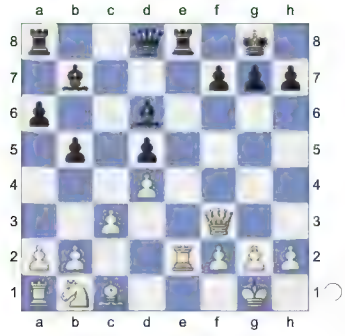
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.Qf3 Bd6 13.Bxd5 c6! 14.Re2 Be4 is the strong threat. **14...cxd5 15.d4 Re8N**

[Don't take 15...Qh4 16.g3 Qh3 17.Bf4 Bxf4 18.Qxf4±]

[15...Qc7 16.g3 Rae8 17.Rxe8 *(17.Nd2 b4 18.cxb4 Qc2 19.Re3 Bc8 20.Nf1 Bxb4 21.a3 Ba5 22.b4 Bb6 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Be3 Be6 25.Qd1 Rc8 26.Nd2* ½-½ (26) Buchicchio,G (2670)-Pink,J (2685) corr 1992 Telechess CBM 89 [Sam Collins]*; 17.Be3 b4 18.cxb4 Bxb4 19.Nc3 Bxc3 20.Rc1 Qa5 21.bxc3 Re7 22.Bh6 Rxe2 23.Qg4 g6 24.Qxe2 Qc7 25.Bxf8 Kxf8 26.Re1* 1-0 (26) 5. ♘c3 c6 6. ♘h3_54529-15. ♗d4 ♕c7 Budapest 1989 Lexikon04 [Dragan Solak]*)* 17...Rxe8 18.Bd2 *(18.Be3 b4 19.cxb4 Qc2 20.Nd2 Qxb2 21.Qd1 Bxb4 22.Rb1 Qa3 23.Qb3 Qxb3 24.Rxb3 Bxd2 25.Rxb7 Bxe3 26.fxe3 g6 27.Rb3 Rc8 28.Ra3 Rc2 29.Rxa6 Re2 30.Ra8+ Kg7 31.Re8 Rxa2* ½-½ (31) Fawzy,A (2495)-Salem,A (2677) Dubai 2023 Mega2023 Update 31 [Kitty Kat]*)* 18...a5 19.b3 Qc6 20.a4 bxa4 21.Rxa4 Qb6 22.Qd1 Bc6 23.Ra1 Rb8 24.Kg2 Bd7 25.Be3 Qxb3 26.Qxb3 Rxb3 27.Nd2 Ra3 28.Rc1 Kf8 29.c4 Bb4 30.cxd5 Szocs,L-Matsukevich Dortmund 2002 ZUS C73 [Neistadt] 0-1 (43)]



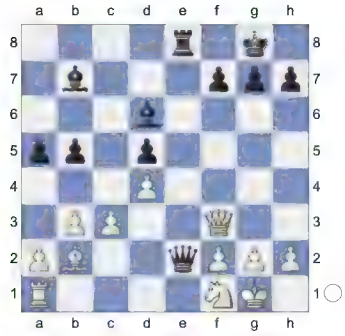
16.Nd2 White is slightly better. **16...a5 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Nf1 Qe1 19.b3** 0.01/21

[19.Qf5± 0.41/21]

19...Re8= 20.Bb2

[20.Qd3 is interesting. Re2 21.Be3 Rxe3 22.fxe3 Qxa1 23.Qxb5 Bc8 24.Qc6]

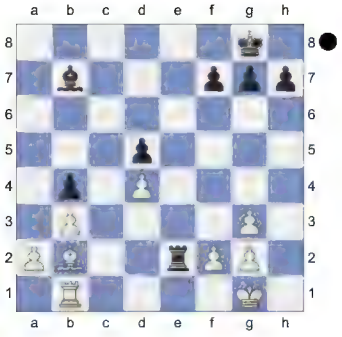
20...Qe2



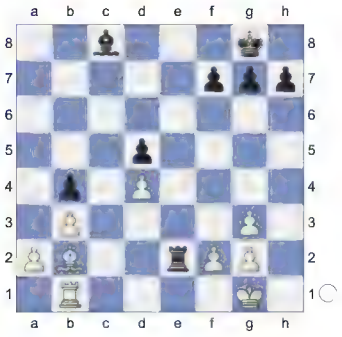
21.Qxe2 Rxe2 22.Rb1 -0.64/22

[22.Bc1= -0.01/26]

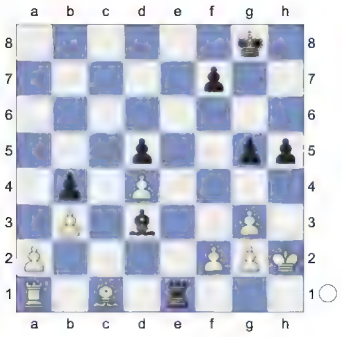
22...b4∓ 23.cxb4 axb4 24.Ng3 Bxg3 25.hxg3∓ Endgame



KRB-KRB **25...Bc8!**

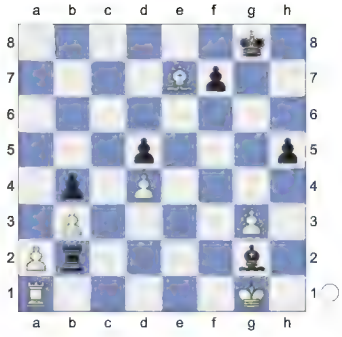


26.Kf1 Ba6 Black has strong compensation. **27.Kg1 h5 28.Bc1 Bd3**
[Don't play 28...Rxa2?! 29.Bf4∓]
29.Ra1 Re1+ 30.Kh2 g5

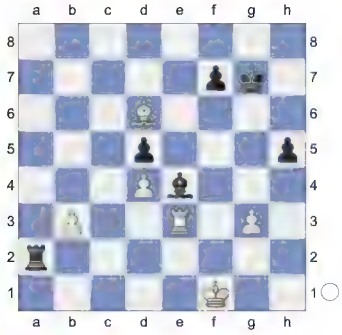


White must now prevent ...g4. **31.Bb2 Re2 32.Bc1 Rxf2** 0x0.002ec96679ffdp-1022s more active pieces. **33.Bxg5 Be4** Threatens to win with ...f6. **34.Be7 Bxg2?** 0.49/23
[But not 34...Rxg2+?! 35.Kh3=]
[Better is 34...Kg7∓ -1.12/23]
35.Kg1!± Prevents Rxg2+. **35...Rb2**

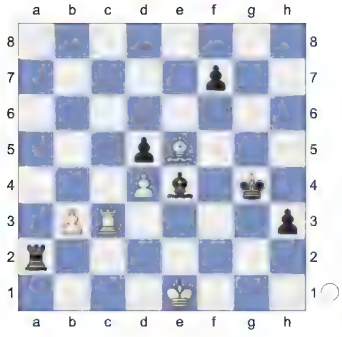
(Diagram)



36.Bxb4 Hoping for a4. **36...Be4 37.Bd6** -0.67/23
[37.Be1!± 0.58/24]
37...Rg2+!∓ 38.Kf1 Rh2 39.Re1 Rxa2 40.Re3 Kg7

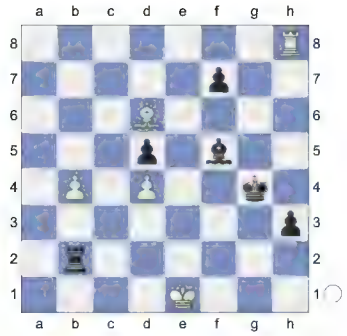


41.Rc3 Kg6 42.Bf4 -1.24/22
[White should play 42.b4∓ -0.62/20]
42...Kf5∓ 43.Ke1? -5.07/22 Loses the game.
[43.Bd6∓ -1.21/21 is more resistant.]
43...h4!-+ 44.Be5 h3 45.g4+ Kxg4

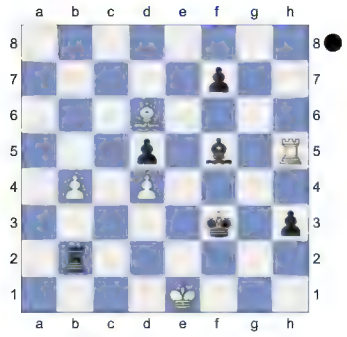


46.Rg3+ Kh4 47.Rg8 Bg6 aiming for ... h2. **48.Rh8+ Kg4 49.b4 Rb2 50.Bd6 Bf5**

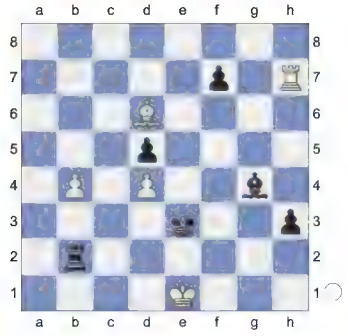
(Diagram)



And now ...Kf3 would win. **51.Rh6** -5.04/25
[⌓51.Kd1 -3.24/23]
51...Kf3 (-> ...Ke3) **52.Rh5** -20.32/24
[⌓52.Rh4 -5.10/23 Ra2 53.Kd1]



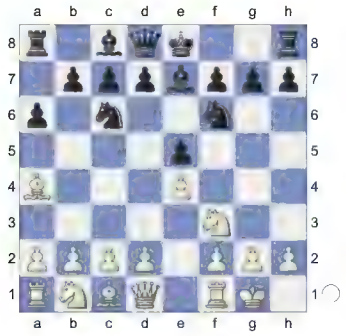
52...Bg4 -7.97/24
[⌓52...Ke3! -20.32/24 53.Bf4+ Kxf4 54.Kd1 Bg4+ 55.Kc1 Bxh5 56.Kxb2 h2 57.Ka3 h1Q 58.Ka4 Be2 59.Ka5 Qa1+ 60.Kb6 Qa6+ 61.Kc7 Bb5 62.Kb8 Qc6 63.Ka7 Ba6 64.Kb8 Qb7#]
53.Rh7 Ke3



Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.41
0-1

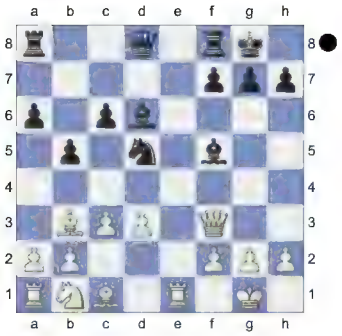
123 **C89**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2737**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2811**
Danzhou 13th rapid (1) 12.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Sethuraman has been the talk of the tournament. After a disastrous start with 0/3, he scored 3 points in a row, drew the next and won again getting close to catching the leaders and sharing the first place. This game, unfortunately, was not going to end in his favor... **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

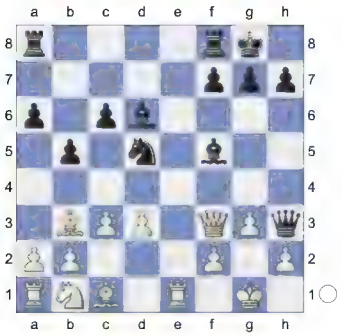
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3



Qh4! 0.35/22 **15.g3±**

[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4 16.g3-+)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]

15...Qh3



16.Be3 0.19/20

[16.Nd2± 0.55/22]

16...Bxd3= 17.Nd2 Bf5! now scores much better than the old 17...Qf5. punktet besser als das ältere 17...Df5. now scores much better than the old 17...Qf5. punktet besser als das ältere 17...Df5. **18.Bd4**

[18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rfd8 20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 b4 22.Bd4 Bf8 *(22...bxc3 23.Bxc3 Be6 24.Ne4 Bf8 25.a3 h6 26.Re3 Rac8 27.Rae1 Rc6 28.f3 Be7 29.h4 Rd5 30.R1e2 h5 31.Nf2 Bc5 32.Re5 Rxe5 33.Rxe5 Bxa3 34.Rxh5 Be7 35.Ra5 Bc4 36.Ra4 f6 37.Ng4* 1-0 Sarana,A (2664)-Sethuraman,S (2634) Saint Louis A 2019*)* 23.Nb3 Be6 24.Bb6 Rdb8 25.Ba5 bxc3 ½-½ Navara,D (2703)-Vitiugov,N (2751) Hamburg (m/1) 142/(126) 2019]

18...Bg4N

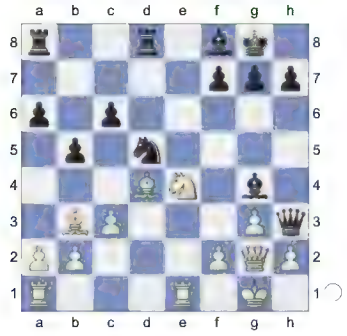
[Predecessor: 18...Rfd8 19.a4 Hoping for a4xb5. Bg4 20.Qe4 And now a4xb5 would win. *(20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Be6 22.Ne4 Nxc3 23.Bxe6 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 fxe6* Marshall 12. d3-15. g3,1*)* 20...Rac8 21.Nf3 Strongly threatening a4xb5. Bf5 22.Ng5 Bxe4 23.Nxh3 Bf5 24.Ng5 Bf8 25.axb5 axb5 ½-½ (42) Dominguez Perez,L (2760)-Burke,J (2554) Saint Louis 2021]

[18...Rfe8 19.c4 Bg4 20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Nb4 22.Ne4 Bf8 23.cxb5 cxb5 24.Ng5 Bh5 25.g4 Bg6 26.f4 Nc2 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Rd1 Nxd4 29.Rxd4 Be7 30.Nf3 Bb1 31.Nd2 Bf6 32.Rd7 Be4+ 33.Nxe4 1-0 So,W (2788)-Onischuk,A (2665) ch-USA 2015 Saint Louis USA (7.3)]

19.Qg2 Rfd8 20.Ne4

[20.Qxh3 simplifies Bxh3 21.Ne4 Bf8 22.Bc2]

20...Bf8



21.Bd1 h6 22.Qxh3 Bxh3 23.Bf3 Rac8 24.Rad1 c5 25.Be5 Be6

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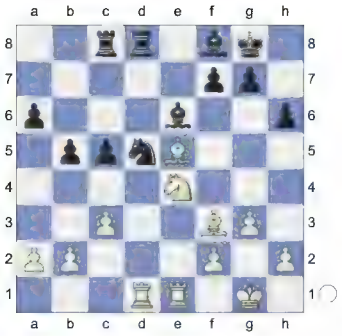
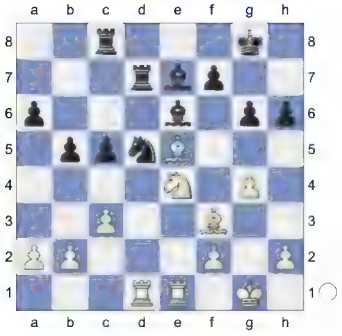
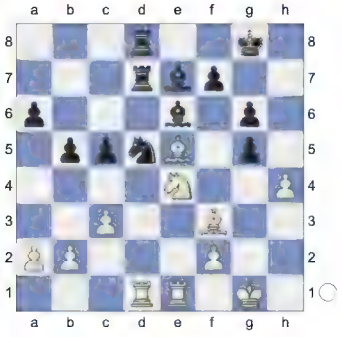


26.g4 Be7! Prevents h2-h4 **27.Ng3 g6 28.Ne4 Rd7**
[28...g5!?]

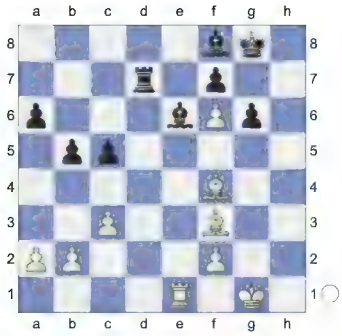


29.h4! Rcd8
[29...Bxh4? 30.Nd6 Rcd8 31.Bxd5+-]
30.g5 hxg5

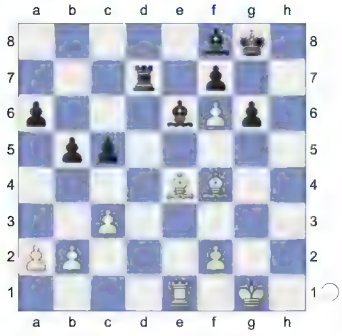


31.hxg5 Bf5! 32.Nf6+ Nxf6 33.gxf6 Bf8 34.Rxd7 Rxd7 35.Bf4 Be6

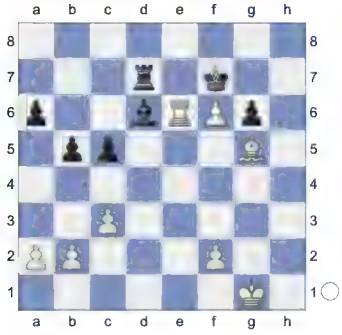
(Diagram)



36.Bc6 Rd3 0.49/21
[36...Rd8= 0.12/23 is superior.]
37.Be4 Rd7

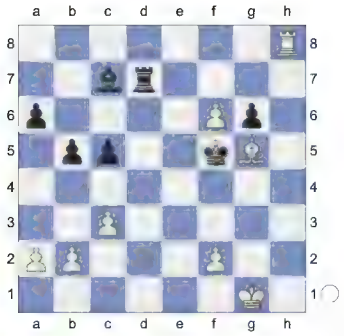


38.Bxg6! Deflection **38...Bd6! 39.Bg5 fxg6 40.Rxe6±** Endgame. KRB-KRB
40...Kf7

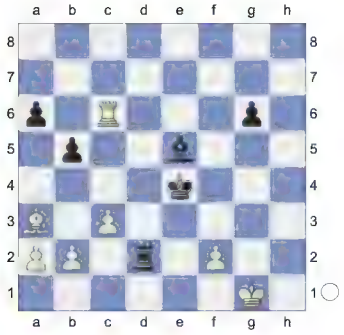


Prevents Re6-e8. **41.Re4 Bc7! 42.Rh4 Ke6 43.Re4+** -0.01/25 **Kf7!= 44.Rh4** -0.01/25
[44.b3± 0.64/23]
44...Ke6! 45.Rh8± 0.81/23 **Kf5**

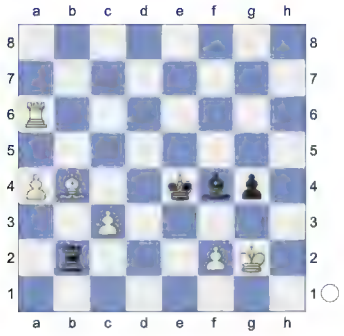
(Diagram)



46.Be3 Kxf6 47.Bxc5 0.32/24
[47.Kg2± 1.03/23]
47...Rd2± 48.Rc8 0.01/24
[48.Ra8± 0.49/23]
48...Be5= 49.Rc6+ Kf5 50.Ba3 Ke4

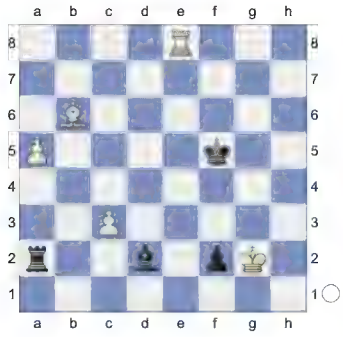


(→ ...Ke4-f3) **51.Kg2**
[51.Rxa6 Kf3]
51...g5 52.Rg6 b4 0.37/25 **53.Bxb4±**
[53.cxb4 Kf4∓]
53...Rxb2 54.a4 Bf4 55.Rxa6 Ra6-a8 would now be deadly. **55...g4**

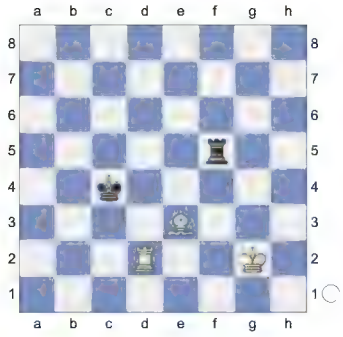


56.Re6+ Kf5 57.Re8 Threatens to win with a4-a5. **57...g3 58.Bc5** aiming for a4-a5. **58...Ra2** 0.47/25
[58...gxf2= 0.07/26 59.a5 *(59.Bxf2 Bg5=)* 59...f1R+ 60.Kxf1 Ra2]

59.Bb6 gxf2 60.a5
[60.Bxf2 Be5=]
60...Bd2

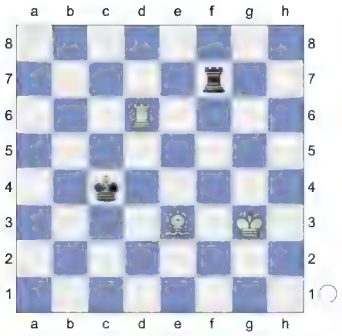


61.Rf8+ 0.01/25
[61.Bd4!± 0.45/23 should be considered.]
61...Ke4= 62.Rxf2 Kd3 63.c4 Kxc4 0.66/27
[63...Bxa5= 0.00/24 64.c5 *(64.Rxa2 Bxb6 65.Ra4 Kc3=)* 64...Rxf2+ 65.Kxf2 Kc4]
64.Be3± Rxa5 65.Rxd2 KRB-KR
65...Rf5

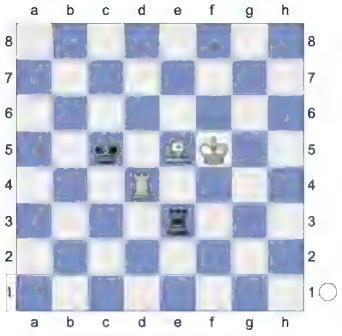


66.Bf2 Rf4 67.Kg3
[67.Rc2+ Kd3 68.Rc5 Rc4±]
67...Rf5 68.Rd4+ Kc3 69.Be3 Rf7
[69...Rg5+? 70.Kf3+-]
70.Rd6 Kc4

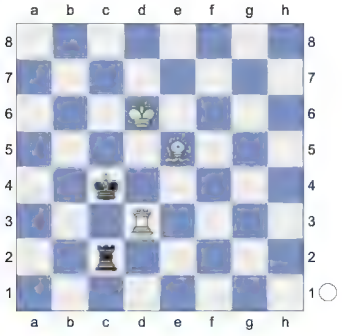
(Diagram)



71.Bf4 Re7 72.Kg4 Re1
[Don't blunder 72...Rg7+? 73.Bg5+-]
73.Kf5 Re2 74.Be5 Re3 75.Rd4+ Kc5

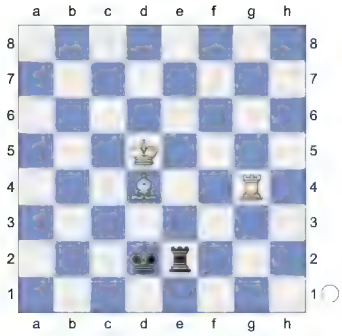


76.Ke6 Re2 77.Rd3 Rc2 78.Rd5+ Kc4 79.Kd6
[79.Rd4+ Kc5 80.Rd3 Kc4+-]
79...Kb3 80.Rd3+ Kc4

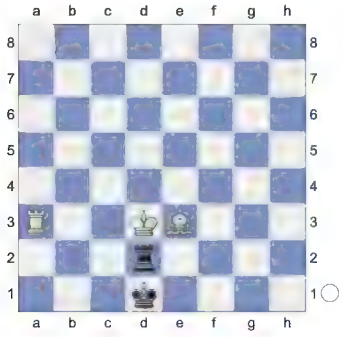


81.Rd4+ Kc3 82.Kc5 Rd2 83.Rg4+ Kd3 84.Kd5 Re2 85.Bd4 Kd2

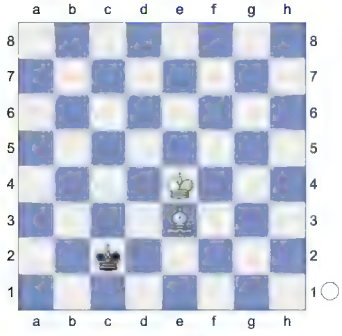
(Diagram)



86.Rg3 Kc2 87.Kc4 Kd2 88.Ra3 Kc2 89.Be3 Kd1 90.Kd3 Rd2+



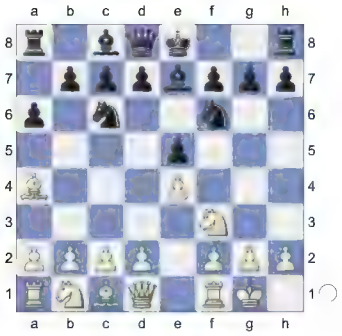
91.Ke4 Rb2 92.Ra1+ Ke2 93.Rg1 White threatens Rg1-g2+ and mate.
93...Rc2 94.Rg2+
[94.Kd4 Rc6 95.Rg2+ Kf3 96.Rf2+ Kg4+-]
94...Kd1 95.Rxc2 0.00/94
[95.Rg5± 0.60/27]
95...Kxc2



Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

124 **C89**
□ **Horvath,Dominik** **2505**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2668**
59th World Juniors 2022 (6.1) 16.10.2022
[Kosten,Tony]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 White allows the Marshall Gambit. **8...Na5!?**

[There are over 100 games in the PGN Archive featuring 8...d5]

[8...d6 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 leads to the mainline Closed Spanish, *(10...d5!?* is a similar gambit to this game, and is covered in the Gajewski Variation ChessPub Guide. *)*]

9.Bc2 The most common, and also the preferred move of very strong GMs (and Stockfish 15!), who don't like conceding the bishop pair.

[9.Nxe5 is also sometimes played these days, Nxb3 *(9...d6?!* makes less sense, Black wants to play ...d5 in one go when White can't reply e4-e5. *10.Nf3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Bb7 12.d3* with a solid pawn more.*)* 10.Qxb3 *(10.axb3 Bb7 11.d3 d5 12.exd5 Qxd5 13.Qf3 Rfe8* is fine for Black, with his activity and bishops, Florea,V (1989) -Dehaybe,A (2017) LSS email 2015, 0-1 (33).*)* 10...Bb7 11.d3 d5 12.exd5 Re8 13.c4 Bc5 Black is temporarily two pawns down, but threatens nasty things on f2 and along the e-file, 14.Qd1! *(14.Bd2 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Rxe5* as *16.Rxe5? Ng4+)* 14...Qd6 15.d4 Ba7 *(15...Bb4!? 16.Bd2 bxc4)* 16.b3 *(16.Nc3 bxc4 17.Nxc4 Qb4* regaining one of the d-pawns, Paleckis,E (2439)-Svrsek,R (2372) Remote email 2013, ↑-↑ (37). *)* 16...Nxd5! 17.c5 Qe6 with adequate play for the pawn, Potrata,J (2269)-Tinture,L (2410) ICCF email 2012, 1-0 (81).]

9...d5! This hybrid of the Marshall and Gajewski Variations scores well.

[9...d6 is not very good here, as 10.d4 is possible without first playing h2-h3, as there is no pressure on d4 with the black knight on a5, Bg4 11.h3]

10.d4 Possibly strongest.

[10.exd5 e4! was analysed ten years ago by Victor in Kotronias,V-Halkias, S.]

10...dxe4!

[10...exd4 11.e5 Ne4 12.cxd4 f5 *(12...Bg4!? 13.Nc3* Hou,Q (2345)-Kislik,E (2361) Kecskemet 2012, 1-0 (31), *Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bh5)* 13.exf6 Bxf6

A) 14.Nbd2 Nxf2!? 15.Kxf2?? *(15.Qe2* is forced.*)* 15...Bxd4+ 16.Kf1 Qh4 17.Ne4 dxe4 18.Qxd4 Rxf3+! 19.gxf3 Bh3+ 20.Ke2 exf3+ 21.Kd3 Bf5+ 22.Kc3 Qxe1+ was a disaster for White, Colovic,A (2493)-Ivanisevic,I (2649) Plovdiv 2008, 0-1 (34).;

B) 14.Nc3

B1) 14...Bf5!? 15.Nxe4 Bxe4?! *(15...dxe4 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4* is a more accurate

move order.) 16.Bxe4 *(16.Rxe4!? dxe4 17.Bxe4 Rc8 18.Qc2 g6 19.Bf4* is promising.) 16...dxe4 17.Rxe4 Qd5 *(17...c5! 18.Be3 Nc4)* 18.Re1 Nc6 19.Be3 Rad8 20.Rc1 keeping hold of his extra pawn, Anwesh,U (2420)-Girish,A (2342) Puri 2010, ↑-↑ (51). ;

B2) 14...Nxc3 the most usual, but possibly not best, 15.bxc3 Bg4?! *(15...Nc4* is better, but not equal. *)*

B2a) 16.Qd3 g6 17.Bh6?! Bxf3! 18.Qxf3 Bg7 19.Qh3 Qf6 20.f3 *(20.Re2 Bxh6 21.Qxh6 Rae8 22.Qd2 Nc4 23.Qd3 Nd6* slightly favours Black, Solodovnichenko,Y (2570)-Gajewski,G (2622) Maastricht 2012, 0-1 (63).*)* 20...Bxh6 21.Qxh6 Rae8 22.h4 Djuric,L-Lazic,P Yugoslavia 1972, ↑-↑ (27). ;

B2b) 16.h3! Bxf3 *(16...Bh5?! 17.Bxh7+! Kxh7 18.Ng5+ Bxg5 19.Qxh5+ Bh6 20.Re6)* 17.Qxf3 Bxd4 18.Qh5! g6 *(18...Bxf2+ 19.Kh1 Qh4 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.Re5!)* 19.Bxg6 hxg6 20.Qxg6+ Bg7 21.Bg5 Rf6 forced, *(21...Qd6? 22.Re6)* 22.Bxf6 Qxf6 23.Re8+ Rxe8 24.Qxe8+ Qf8 *(24...Bf8 25.Rd1 Qf5* is a better defence. *)* 25.Qe6+ Qf7 26.Qxa6 Bxc3 27.Qa8+ Kg7 28.Rd1 Nc4 29.Qxd5 Nd6 30.h4 1-0 Schulz,G (2162)-Petzold,G (1780) GER email 2013.]

The best capture. **11.Nxe5 c5! 12.Be3 Bb7 13.Nd2** All these moves are very natural. **13...Rc8** Carlsen's move, defending c5, is best.

[13...Re8?! new, but dodgy, 14.Qb1?! *(14.dxc5! Bxc5 15.Bxc5 Rxe5 16.b4 Nc4 17.Nxc4* looks good for White.*)* 14...Bf8 15.Nf1 Qc7 *(15...cxd4 16.Bxd4 Bd6)* 16.Ng3 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rac8 18.Re2 Nc4 19.Nxc4 Qxc4 20.Bb3 Qc7 Black has the slightly better pawn structure, Malek,J (2355)-Duda,J (2731) chess.com INT 2022, 0-1 (38).]

14.Qe2!? The first new move for White, and it's a good one, putting more pressure on e4 and preparing to bring the queen's rook to the d-file..

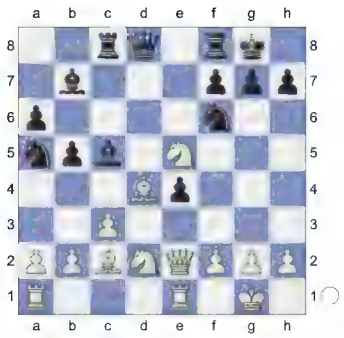
[14.h3 Re8 all Black's pieces are active, 15.Ng4 Nd5! 16.Bxe4 *(16.Nxe4 f5 17.Nxc5 Bxc5 18.Bxf5 Bd6)* 16...Nxe3 17.Nxe3 cxd4 18.cxd4 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 Bb4 20.Nc3 Rxc3! 21.bxc3 Bxc3 completely equal, Tari,A (2642)-Carlsen,M (2855) Stavanger 2021, but 0-1 (51) anyway.]

14...cxd4 Black starts to exchange pieces and head for a draw.

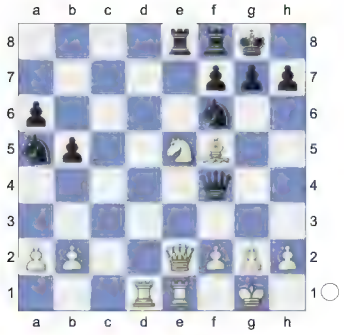
[14...Bd6 15.Rad1 Qc7 is a good alternative, keeping more play in the position.]

[14...Qb6!?]

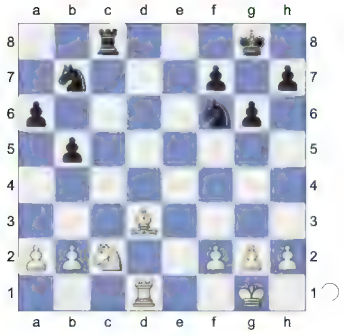
15.Bxd4 Bc5



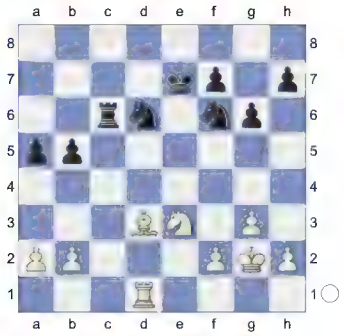
16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Bxd4 18.cxd4 Qxd4 Black regains the pawn. **19.Bf5**
[19.Bf3! Rfe8 20.Rad1 Qc5 21.Qd2 would keep a slight edge.]
19...Rce8 20.Rad1 Qf4



21.Qf3 Qxf3 22.Nxf3 Rxe1+ 23.Nxe1 Nb7 Black brings his problem knight back into play.
[23...g6 is simpler, 24.Rd6 Re8 25.Nf3 gxf5 26.Rxf6 Re2 equal.]
24.Nc2
[24.Rc1 Nd6 25.Bh3 Rd8 is only very slightly better for White.]
24...g6 25.Bd3 Rc8



26.Nb4 a5 27.Nc2 Nd6 28.Ne3 Rc6 29.g3 Kf8 30.Kg2 Both players improve their king. **30...Ke7**



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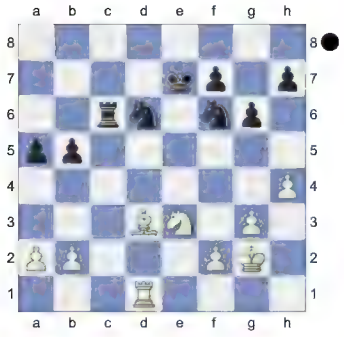

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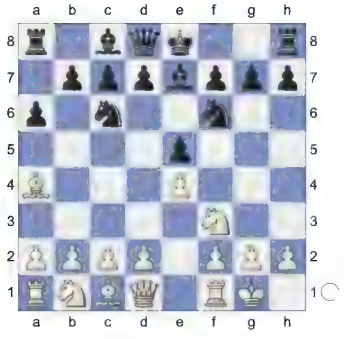
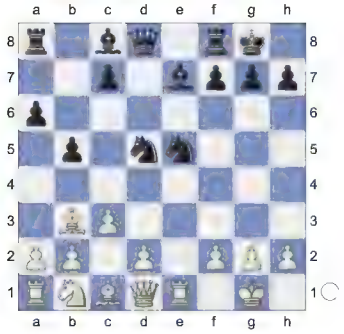
125 **C89**
□ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2613**
■ **Predke,Alexandr** **2692**
28th Abu Dhabi Masters (7.8) 23.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

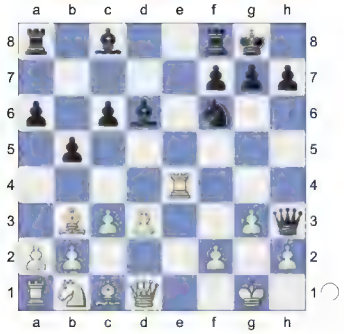
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C89: Partie espagnole (gambit Marshall)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6



16.Rh4 Qd7

[16...Qf5 17.d4 *(17.Nd2 Qg6 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Rxe4 Bf5 20.Re3 Rad8 21.Qf3 c5 22.a4 Bb8 23.axb5 axb5 24.Bd5 Bg4 25.Qe4 Qh5 26.c4 Kh8 27.b3 f5 28.Qe7 Bd6 29.Qb7 f4 30.Re1 fxg3 31.hxg3 Rxf2* Volchkova,A (1913)-Goganov,A (2463) St Petersburg 2024 Mega2024 Update 43 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (35)) 17...Re8 18.Bc2 Qd5 19.Bb3 Qf5 20.Bc2 Qd5 21.Bb3 Qf5 ½-½ (21) Nakamura,H (2768)-Carlsen,M (2852) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2023 Update 15 [Kitty Kat]]

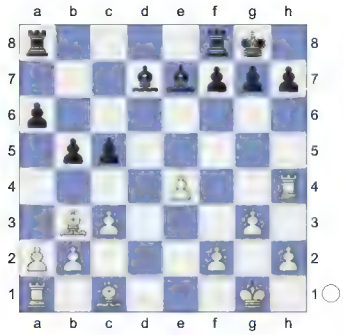
17.Nd2 c5N

[17...g5 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Rxe4 1-0 (19) Lupulescu,C (2555)-Vajda,L (2539) Budapest 2004 LesEchecs [LesEchecs.com]]

18.Ne4 0.28/22

[18.a4± 0.75/20]

18...Nxe4= 19.dxe4 Be7 20.Qxd7! Bxd7



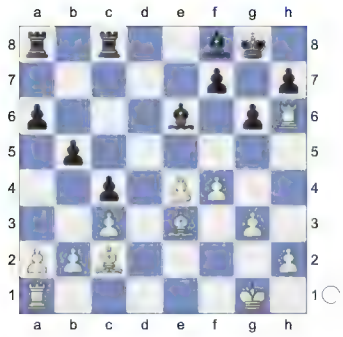
21.Rh5 c4 22.Bc2 Be6! 23.Be3 Rfc8 0.45/20

[23...g6= 0.12/19 24.Rh6 Rfe8]

24.f4 0.01/20

[24.Bd1± 0.45/20]

24...g6 25.Rh6 Bf8



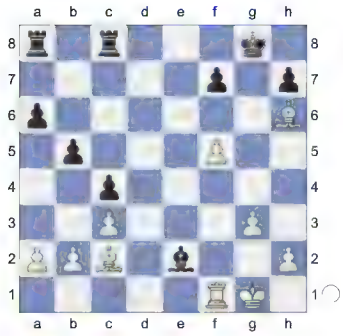
26.f5 0.01/21

[26.Rh4± 0.35/22]

26...Bxh6 27.Bxh6 gxf5 28.exf5 Bd5 29.Rd1 Bf3 30.Rf1 -0.82/21

[30.Rd4!= -0.01/23 Rc6 31.Bd2]

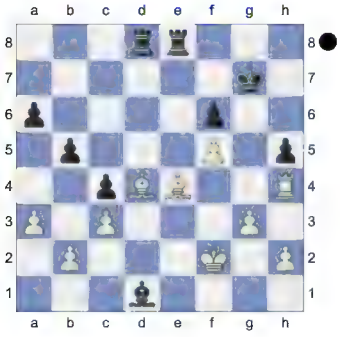
30...Be2∓



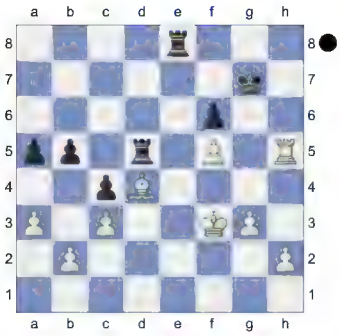
31.Rf4 Re8! 32.Rh4 f6 -0.07/23

[32...Rad8∓ -0.49/23
was preferrable.]
33.Be4= Hoping for Bd5+. **33...Rad8** Prevents Bd5+. With the idea ...Re5. **34.Kf2! Bd1↑** Threatens to win with ... Re5. Black is pushing. **35.Be3 Kg7**

36.Bd4 -0.95/24 Inhibits Re5.
[36.Bc6= -0.01/22 Re5 37.Rf4]
36...h5 37.a3

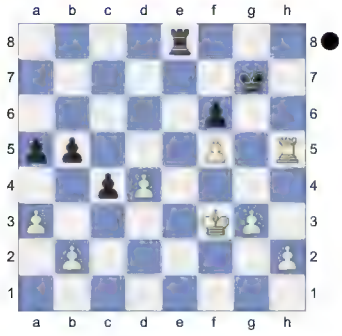


a5! 38.Bf3 -1.59/23 Inhibits Bg4.
[⌓38.h3 -0.99/23]
38...Bxf3∓ 39.Kxf3 Rd5 40.Rxh5 -3.16/23
[⌓40.Rf4 -1.74/23]

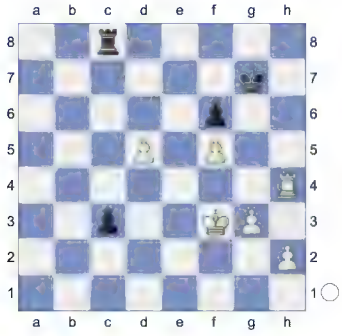


40...Rxd4!-+

41.cxd4 Endgame



KR-KR **41...b4! 42.axb4 axb4 43.Rh4** -5.08/26
[⌓43.g4 -3.23/26 c3 44.bxc3 bxc3 45.g5]
43...c3 44.bxc3 bxc3 45.d5 Black must now prevent Rc4. **45...Rc8**



Against Rc4. (-> ...c2) **46.d6 c2 47.d7 Rc3+ 48.Kg2 c1Q**

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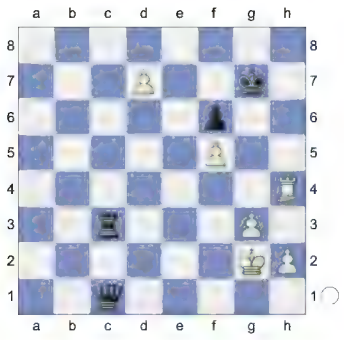

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□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2754**
■ **Sanal,V** **2574**
44th Olympiad 2022 (10.3) 08.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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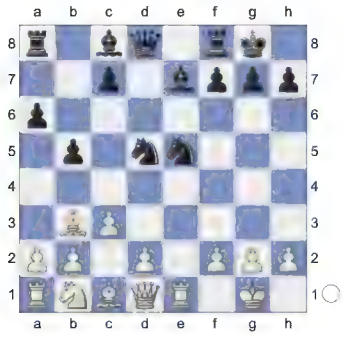
Alexander Delchev: 'Hi Everyone, We are at the start of one of the strongest tournaments this year - Gashimov Memorial. Already in the first round, we will take a closer look on the most interesting game - continuation of the clash between the reigning champion Carlsen with black pieces and his last contender - the ex-champion Anand.'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Bg6 15.g3N
[15.Na3 is interesting. Qc7 *(15...Bxa3 16.bxa3 Nxc3 17.Bd2 Nd5 18.a4 Qd7 19.Rac1 Rfe8 20.h3 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Re8 22.Rc1 h6 23.axb5 axb5 24.a4 bxa4 25.Bxa4 Re6 26.Bb3 Qb7 27.Bc4 Re8 28.Qd1 Qd7 29.Qg4 Qxg4 30.hxg4* Ter Sahakyan,S (2640)-Chigaev,M (2622) Dhaka 2024 Mega2024 Update 15 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (39) *)* 16.h3 Nb6 17.h4]
[15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Bf4 d4 17.cxd4 Bb4 18.Nc3 Qxd4 19.Be5 Qd7 *(19...Qxd3 20.Re3 Qc4 21.Nd5 Rad8 22.Nxb4 Qxb4 23.Bc3 Qc4 24.Qb7 Qc8* Ruy Lopez-Marshall - 11...c6 12.d3 [EA]*)* 20.Nd5 f6 21.Nxb4 fxe5 22.Qd5+ Qxd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd3 24.Rxe5 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Ne3 Rc8 27.a3 a5 28.h4 Bg6 29.Rd1 b4 Anand,V (2515)-Van der Wiel,J (2560) Wijk aan Zee 1989 CI1-130 [Van der Wiel,John] 0-1 (53) 30.axb4 axb4 31.g4 b3 32.h5 Bf7 33.Kg2 Kf8 34.Kg3 Ra8 35.Rd2 h6 36.Nf5 Be6 37.Nd4 Bf7 38.f3 Rc8 39.Kf4 Rc1 40.Nf5 Kg8 41.Rd8+ Kh7 42.Rd7 Kg8 43.Rd8+ Kh7 44.Rd7 Kg8 Buchicchio,G (2791)-Molina,R (2863)

Erfurt 2015 Catastrophe Open File [FS1981/67] ½-½ (53)]

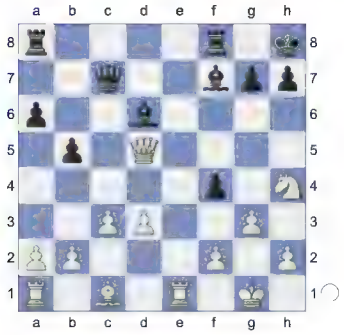
15...Kh8

16.Bxd5 cxd5 White is slightly better.

17.Qxd5 f5 1.18/21

[17...Qc7!± 0.50/18]

18.Nd2!± Qc7 19.Nf3 Black must now prevent Re6. **19...f4 20.Nh4 Bf7**



Prevents Re6. **21.Qg5 h6** 1.62/23

[21...fxg3± 1.22/19 might work better. 22.hxg3 Rae8]

22.Ng6+ 0.80/23

[22.Qg4+- 1.62/23]

22...Kh7 1.53/19

[⌓22...Bxg6 0.80/23 23.Qxg6 Rf6]

23.Nxf8+ Rxf8 24.Qg4 1.24/21

[24.Qf5++- 1.73/21 Bg6 25.Qh3 *(25.Qd5 fxg3 26.hxg3 Bxg3=)*]

24...Bd5 A strong pair of Bishops.

25.Bd2 Rf6

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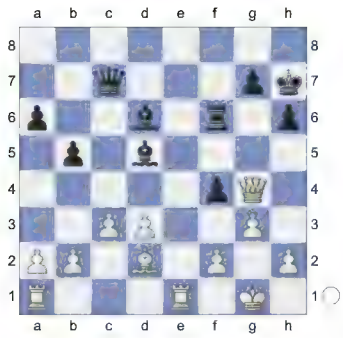


26.Re4 0.01/23 **Bxe4= 27.dxe4 Qc4** 0.99/21

[27...Qc5= -0.01/22 28.b4 *(28.gxf4? Rg6-+; 28.Bxf4 Bxf4 29.Qe2 Bc7∓)* 28...Qc4]

28.Re1±

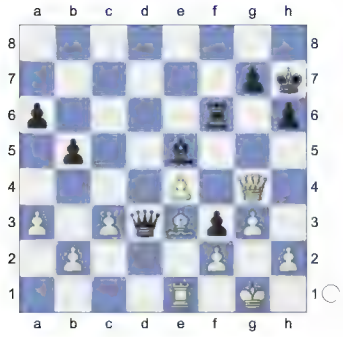
[Wrong is 28.gxf4? Rg6 29.Qxg6+ Kxg6-+]

[28.Bxf4 Bxf4 29.Re1 *(29.gxf4? Rg6-+)* 29...Bd6∓]

28...f3 1.60/23 Against Qe2

[⌓28...Be5 0.92/23]

29.Be3 Be5 Against Bd4 **30.a3 Qd3**



31.Qh5 Qd6 32.Qh3 Qd3 1.83/21

[32...Rf8± 1.42/20 33.Qh5 Kh8]

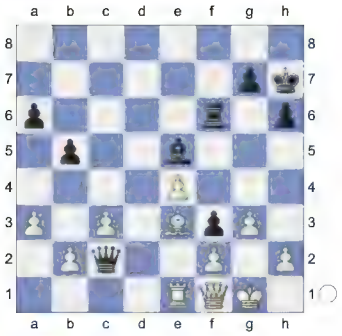
33.Qf1 1.20/21

[White should play 33.Qg4+- 1.83/21]

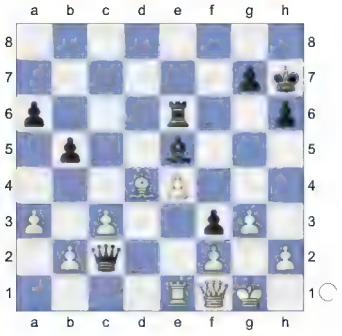
33...Qc2 2.07/23

[33...Qd8± 1.20/21 34.Qh3 Kg8]

(Diagram)



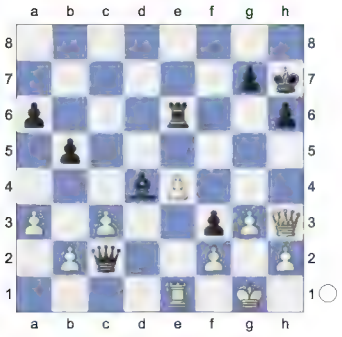
34.Bd4!+- Re6



35.Qh3!

[Much less strong is 35.Bxe5?! Rxe5 36.b4 Rxe4±]

35...Bxd4



36.cxd4 KQR-KQR **36...Rf6 37.e5 Rf8** 5.35/22

[37...Qd2 3.27/22 38.Rf1 *(38.exf6 Qxe1+ 39.Qf1 Qe4+-)* 38...Rg6]

38.Qf1 Qd2 39.Rd1 Qxb2 40.Qd3+ Kh8? 6.87/21

[40...Kg8 2.93/22 41.Kf1 Rd8 42.Qxf3 Rxd4]

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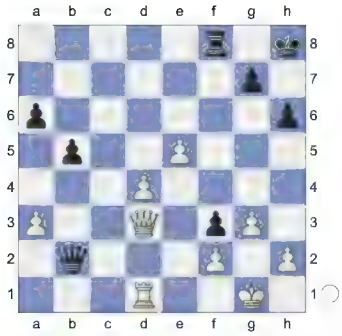
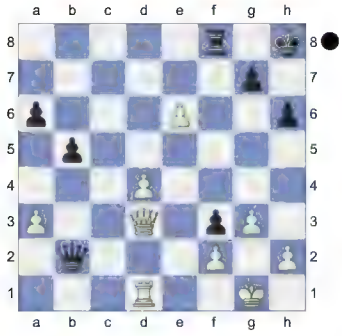


41.e6



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□ **Serendipper** **2825**

■ **Caviar2068** **2941**

Blitz 10.02.2022

[Kitty Kat]

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C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

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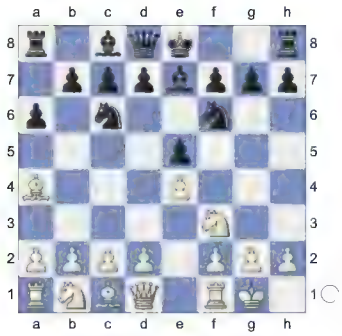
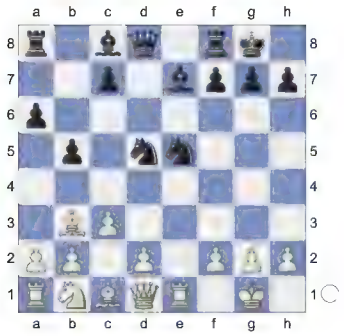
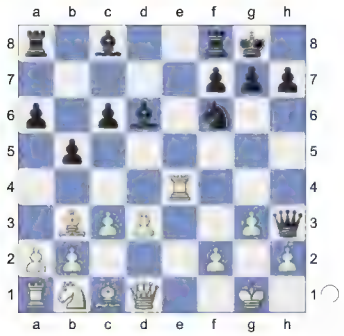


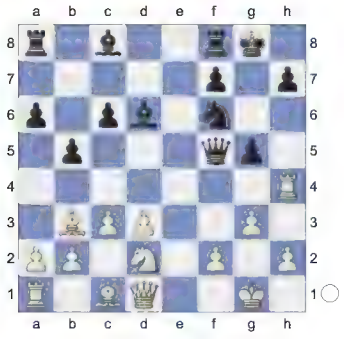
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6



16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 g5

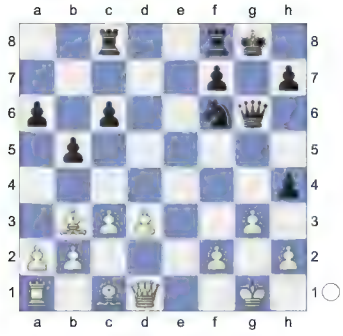


18.Ne4N 0.12/21

[18.Rd4 Bc5 19.Nf3 h6 20.Bf4 Re8 21.Bd6 Bb6 9.g4 ♗e6 10.♘e6 fe6- Kotliar,M Agde 2011 CBM 45 group4 [Nickel]]

[18.Rh6 Ng4 19.Ne4 Nxh6 20.Nxd6 Qg6 21.Ne4 Ng4 *(21...Bg4 22.Qd2 Nf5 23.h3 Bf3 24.Nxg5 Bd5 25.Bc2 h6 26.Ne4 Rfe8 27.Qf4 Nd6 28.f3 Re6 29.Be3 Rae8 30.Bc5 Nf5 31.Kf2 Ng7 32.g4 Kh8 33.Bd4 Bxe4 34.dxe4 R6e7 35.Rd1 Kg8 36.Be3* Rempe,J (2182)-Wachsmann,E (2011) Heusenstamm 2024 1-0 (42)) 22.Bxg5 Bf5 23.Bf4 Rad8 24.Qe2 Rfe8 25.Re1 Kg7 26.f3 Ne5 27.Bc2 c5 28.Qe3 f6 29.Kh1 Bxe4 30.fxe4 Nd7 31.d4 cxd4 32.cxd4 Nb6 Svidler,P (2710)-Adams,M (2715) Elista 1998 CBM 068 [Blatny,Pavel] 1-0 (39)]

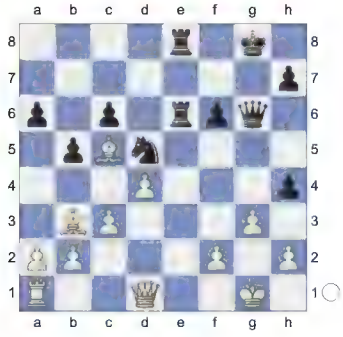
18...gxh4= 19.Nxd6 Qg6 20.Nxc8 Raxc8



21.Bf4 Nd5 22.Be5 White has compensation. **22...Rfe8 23.d4 f6 24.Bd6** -0.72/21

[24.Bf4= 0.24/21]

24...Re6∓ 25.Bc5 Rce8!



Hoping for ...Re2. **26.a4** -1.75/21

[26.c4∓ -0.74/19 hxg3 27.hxg3 bxc4 28.Bxc4]

26...h3 27.axb5 axb5 Threatens to win with ...Kh8. **28.Qf1** -2.95/23

[⌓28.c4 -1.73/22 Qe4 29.f3 Qe3+ 30.Kf1 bxc4 31.Bxc4]

28...Qf5 -1.53/23

[28...Re2-+ -2.95/23 Strongly threatening ...Kh8. 29.c4 *(29.Qxh3? Re1+ 30.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 31.Qf1 Rxf1+-+)* 29...Qd3! 30.cxd5 Qxb3]

29.c4 bxc4 30.Bxc4 Kh8 -0.76/19

[⌓30...Qc2 -1.44/21 31.Ba3 f5]

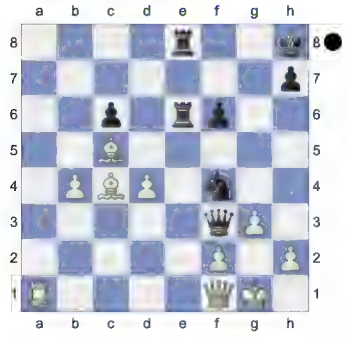
31.b4? -4.89/23

[31.Qd1∓ -0.76/19]

31...Qf3-+ (-> ...Re1!) **32.Qxh3**

Nf4? -0.53/28 **33.Qf1** -3.91/22

[33.Bxe6∓ -0.53/28 Nxh3+ 34.Bxh3]



33...Re1! 34.Rxe1 Rxe1→ Black wants a kill. **35.gxf4 Qg4+**

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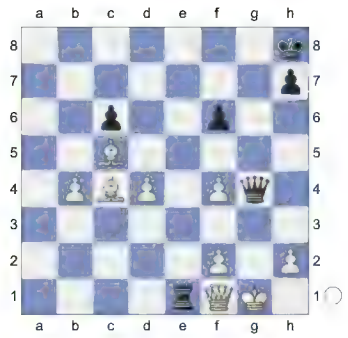
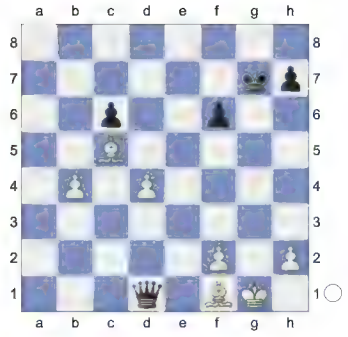
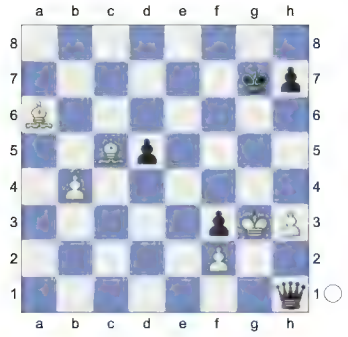


36.Kh1 Rxf1+ 37.Bxf1 Qxf4 38.Kg1 Qg4+ 39.Bg2 Qd1+ 40.Bf1 Kg7



41.h3 f5 42.Kg2 f4 43.Ba6 f3+ 44.Kg3 Qh1 45.d5 cxd5



46.b5 Kf6? -0.79/23

[46...Qa1-+ -5.48/20 47.Bd6 Qf1]

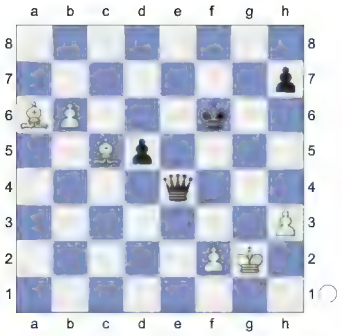
47.b6∓ Qg2+ -1.35/5

[47...Kg5∓ -0.48/23 48.Be3+ Kf5 49.Bd3+ Ke6]

48.Kf4 Qg5+

[Inferior is 48...Qxh3 49.Bd4+ Kg6 50.Bd3+ Kh5 51.Ke5∓ *(51.b7? Qg4+ 52.Ke3 Qe6+ 53.Kd2 Qh6+ 54.Be3 Qd6-+)*]

49.Kxf3 Qf5+ 50.Kg2 Active counter play! **50...Qe4+**



51.Kh2 Qf4+ 52.Kg2 Qe4+ 53.Kg1 Qe1+

[53...d4!? 54.b7 Qe1+ 55.Kg2 Qe4+ 56.Kg1 *(56.f3 Qc2+ 57.Kg3 Qg6+ 58.Kf2 Qc2+ 59.Kg3 Qg6+ 60.Kf2 Qc2+ 61.Kg3=)* 56...Qe1+ 57.Kg2 Qe4+ 58.f3 Qg6+ 59.Kf2 Qc2+ 60.Kg3 Qg6+ 61.Kf2 Qc2+ 62.Kg3 Qg6+ 63.Kf2=]

54.Bf1? -4.00/22 This bishop pair is nice.

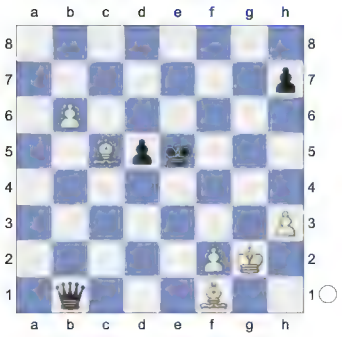
[54.Kh2= -0.01/25]

54...Qb1? -1.55/22

[54...Ke5-+ -4.00/22 is more deadly. 55.f3 Qb1]

55.Kg2 Ke5? -0.01/21

[55...Qe4+∓ -1.52/23 56.Kg3 d4]



56.Be2? -5.35/20

[56.Ba6!= -0.01/21 Qg6+ 57.Kh1]

56...d4? -1.50/18

[56...Qg6+-+ -5.35/20 57.Bg4 Qc6]

57.Bf3 b7 is the strong threat. Black is clearly better. **57...d3 58.b7 d2 59.Ba7**

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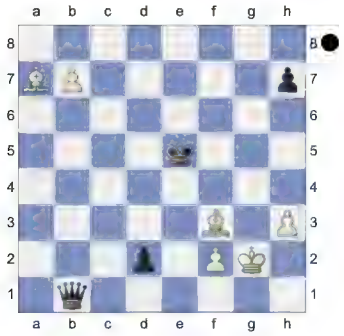
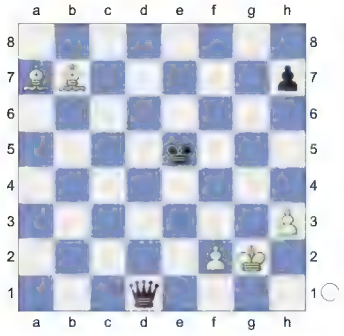


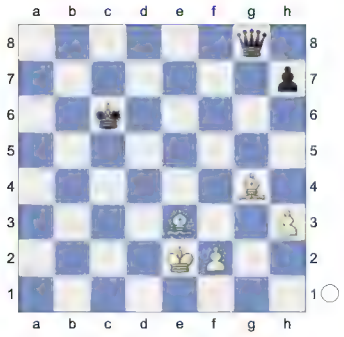
Qxb7 60.Bxb7 d1Q



61.Be3 Qd7 62.Bf3 Qg7+ 63.Kf1 Kd6 64.Bg4 Qg8 65.Ke2 -2.27/19

[65.Bf3∓ -1.50/23 was called for.]

65...Kc6



66.Kf3 Qe8 67.Kf4 -1.94/24

[67.h4∓ -1.49/22 keeps fighting.]

67...Qf8+ -1.50/24

[Black should play 67...Qg6-+ -1.94/24 68.Be2 Qf7+ 69.Kg4 Qg6+ 70.Kf4 Qf7+ 71.Kg4 Qg6+ 72.Kf4]

68.Kg5 Qg8+ 69.Kh5 Kd6 70.Kh4 Ke7

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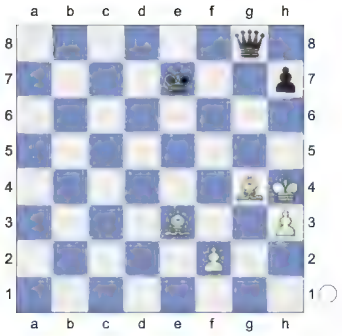

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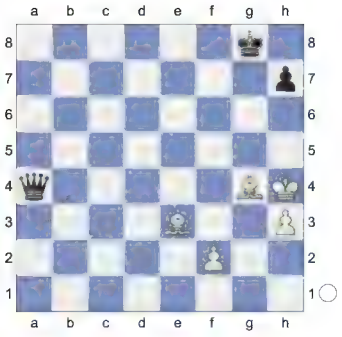
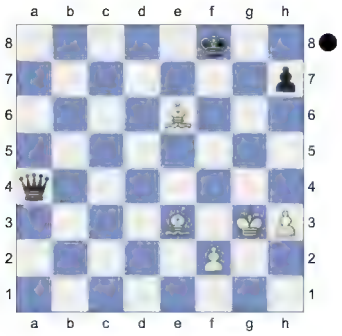


76.Kg3 Kf8 77.Be6



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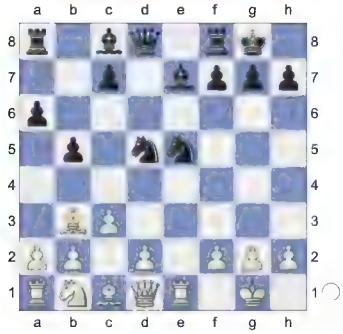
☐ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2679**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2773**
Titled Tuesday 4th Jan blitz (11) 4.1.22
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

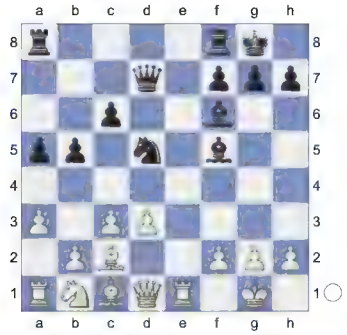


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 0.22/18
[12.d4± 0.60/18 is more appropriate.]
12...Bf6N
[12...Bd6 13.Re1
A) 13...Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4
A1) 15...Qf5 16.Nd2 Qg6 17.Re1 f5 *(17...Bh3 18.Ne4 Bc7 19.Bd2 f5 20.Ng5 f4 21.Nxh3 fxg3 22.fxg3 Bxg3 23.Re4 Bf4+ 24.Kh1 Bxd2 25.Qxd2 Rf5 26.Rg1 Qf6 27.Qg2 Kh8 28.Re6* 1-0 (28) Cilento,F-Musso,P Italy 1987*)* 18.f4 Bxf4 19.Qf3 Bb8 20.Bxd5+ cxd5 21.Nb3 Qf7 22.Nd4 Ba7 23.Bf4 Bd7 24.Re5 b4 25.Rae1 Rae8 26.Kf1 bxc3 Chess Informant Eco Survey 2000;
A2) 15...Nf6 16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 Qg6 18.Ne4 Nxe4

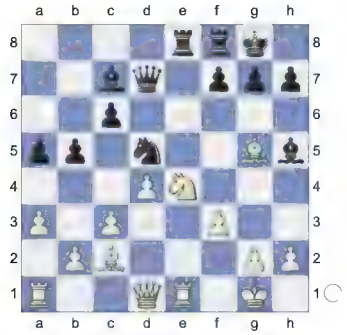
19.Rxe4 Bf5 20.Re3 Rad8 21.Qf3 c5 22.a4 Bb8 23.axb5 axb5 24.Bd5 Bg4 25.Qe4 Qh5 26.c4 Kh8 27.b3 f5 28.Qe7 Volchkova,A (1913)-Goganov,A (2463) St Petersburg 2024 Mega2024 Update 43 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (35);

B) 13...Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 16.Be3 Bxd3 17.Nd2 Qf5 18.Bd4 Rfe8 19.a4 h6 20.Kg2 Qxf3+ 21.Nxf3 Rac8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Ra6 Rxe1 24.Nxe1 Nc7 25.Rb6 Bf5 26.Bc2 Be6 27.Be4 Vachier Lagrave,M (2796)-Aronian,L (2785) Sharjah UAE 2017 [Mikhalevski,V] ½-½ (43)]

13.Re1 a5 14.a3 White is slightly better. **14...Bf5 15.Bc2 Qd7**



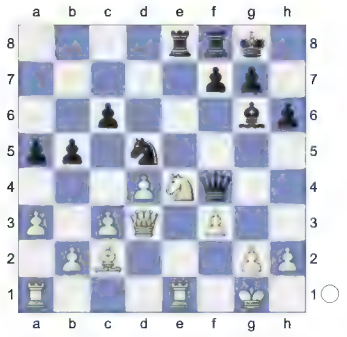
16.Nd2 Bg4 17.f3 Bh5 18.Ne4 Be5 19.d4 Bc7 20.Bg5 Rae8



21.Qd2 h6 0.75/21
[21...a4± 0.42/18]
22.Bh4±
[22.Bxh6 gxh6 23.Qxh6 Bg6=]

22...Bf4

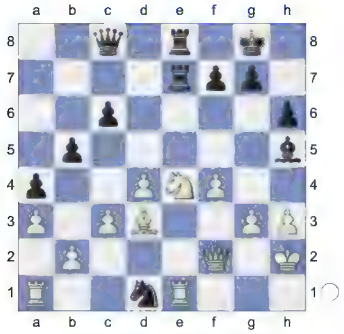
23.Qd3 -0.01/20
[23.Qf2!± 0.84/21]
23...Bg6 0.84/18
[23...Qc7!= -0.01/20]
24.Bg3 Qc7 25.Bxf4 Qxf4



26.g3 Qc7 27.Qd2 Bh5 28.f4 0.59/19
[28.Nc5± 0.92/20]
28...Re7 1.10/20
[28...Bg6± 0.59/19]
29.Nc5 Rfe8 30.Be4 0.29/20
[30.Re5± 1.10/17 Bg4 31.a4]
30...Nb6

31.Qf2 a4 0.62/21
[31...Nd7= 0.28/22 might be stronger. 32.Nxd7 Qxd7]

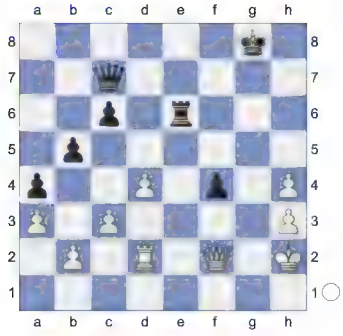
32.Bd3→ Black needs to defend precisely. &Bianco is more active.
32...Nc4 1.36/20
[Black should try 32...Bg4± 0.65/20]
33.h3 Qc8 34.Kh2 0.92/23
[⌓34.Rxe7 1.29/23 Rxe7 35.g4 Bxg4 36.hxg4 *(36.Qh4 Bxh3 37.f5 Re3∓)*]
34...Ne3 1.38/23
[⌓34...Rxe1 0.92/23 35.Rxe1 Rxe1 36.Qxe1 Nxb2]
35.Ne4± Nd1 2.35/25



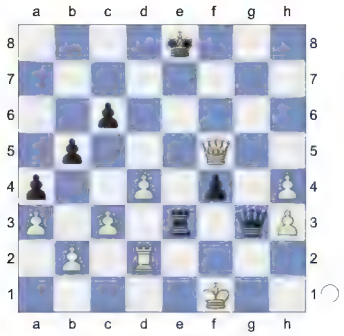
36.Qg2+-
[36.Raxd1?! Bxd1 37.Nd6 *(37.Rxd1 Rxe4 38.Bxe4 Rxe4±)* 37...Rxe1±]
36...Qc7 3.29/23
[36...f5 2.34/22 is a better defense.]
37.Raxd1 Strongly threatening g4.
37...Bxd1 4.16/21
[37...f5 2.55/21 was necessary. 38.d5 cxd5 39.Nf6+ *(39.Bxb5 Bxd1 40.Bxe8 dxe4±)* 39...gxf6 40.Qxd5+ Kf8 41.Rxe7 *(41.Qxf5? Qb6-+)* 41...Rxe7]
38.Rxd1 f5 39.Nc5 Re3 40.Qf2
[40.Bxf5 Re2=]
40...g5

(Diagram)

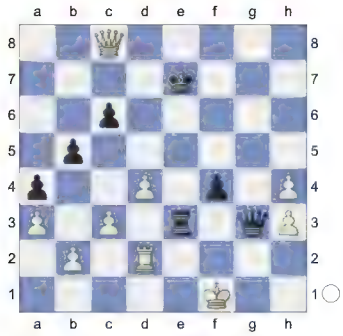
41.Rd2 h5 42.Bxf5 h4 43.gxh4 gxf4 44.Ne6 2.61/26 **R8xe6 45.Bxe6+ Rxe6**



E n d g a m e K Q R - K Q R **46.Qf3** Hoping for d5. **46...Re3 47.Qg4+ Kf8 48.Qf5+ Ke8** (-> ...f3+) **49.Kg1** Rg2 is the strong threat.
[49.d5 cxd5 50.Qg6+ *(50.Rxd5? f3+ 51.Re5+ Rxe5-+)* 50...Kf8+-]
49...Qg7+ 4.56/25
[49...f3 2.81/21 50.Qg6+ Kf8]
50.Kf1? 0.01/26
[50.Rg2+- 4.56/25 Qh6 51.Rg8+ Ke7 52.Kf1]
50...Qg3 0.92/25
[50...Rf3+= 0.01/26 51.Ke2 Qg2+ 52.Kd1 Rf1+ 53.Kc2 Rf2 54.Qh5+ Kf8 55.Qh8+ Ke7 56.Qe5+ Kd7 57.Rxf2 *(57.Qf5+ Ke8=)* 57...Qxf2+ 58.Kd3 Qf3+ 59.Kd2 Qg2+ 60.Ke1 Qg3+ 61.Ke2 Qg2+ 62.Ke1 Qg3+ 63.Kf1 Qd3+ 64.Kg2 *(64.Kf2 Qg3+ 65.Kf1 Qd3+ 66.Kg2 Qg3+ 67.Kf1=)* 64...Qg3+ 65.Kf1 Qd3+ 66.Kg2 *(66.Kf2 Qg3+ 67.Kf1=)* 66...Qg3+ 67.Kf1]

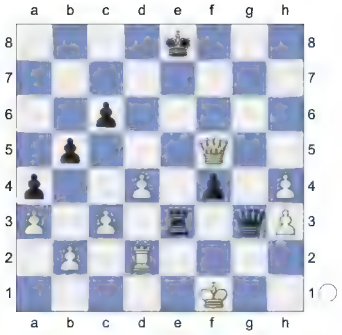


51.Qc8+!± Ke7 52.Qc7+ -0.01/26
[52.Rf2± 0.57/25 Qxh3+ 53.Qxh3 Rxh3 54.Rxf4]
52...Kf8 53.Qc8+
[53.Qd8+?! Kg7 54.Rf2 *(54.Rg2? Re1#)* 54...Qxh3+ 55.Rg2+ Rg3 56.Qc7+ Kh8 57.Qe5+ *(57.Qxc6 Qh1+ 58.Kf2 Qxh4±)* 57...Kh7 58.Qc7+ Kh8 59.Qxc6 Qh1+ 60.Kf2 Qxh4±]
53...Kf7 1.17/26
[53...Re8? 54.Qf5+ Kg7 55.Qd7+ *(55.Rg2? Re1#)* 55...Kf8 56.Qf5+ *(56.Rf2 Qd3+ 57.Kg2 Qg3+ 58.Kf1 Qd3+ 59.Kg2 Qg3+ 60.Kf1=)* 56...Kg7 57.Qg4+ *(57.Rg2? Re1#)* 57...Kh6 58.Qxg3 fxg3 59.Re2 g2+ 60.Rxg2+-]
[53...Ke7= -0.01/21 keeps the balance. 54.Rf2 Qxh3+ 55.Qxh3 Rxh3]
54.Qf5+ -0.01/26
[54.Rf2± 1.17/26]
54...Ke8 1.25/27
[54...Ke7= -0.01/26 55.Qg5+ Kd6 56.Qd8+ Ke6 57.d5+ Kf7 58.Qd7+ Kf6]
55.Qc8+ -0.01/94
[White has to play 55.Rf2± 1.25/27]
55...Ke7 0.64/26
[55...Kf7= -0.01/94 56.Rf2 Re6 57.Qc7+ Ke8 58.Qxf4 Qxh3+ 59.Rg2 Kd7]



56.Qc7+ -0.01/26
[Better is 56.Rf2± 0.64/26 Qxh3+ 57.Qxh3 Rxh3 58.Rxf4]
56...Kf8= 57.Qc8+
[57.Qd8+?! Kg7 58.Rf2 *(58.Rg2? Re1#)* 58...Qxh3+ 59.Rg2+ Rg3 60.Qc7+ Kh8 61.Qb8+ *(61.Qxc6 Qh1+ 62.Kf2 Qxh4±)* 61...Kh7 62.Qc7+ Kh8 63.Qxc6 Qh1+ 64.Kf2 Qxh4±]
57...Kf7 1.42/25
[57...Re8? 58.Qf5+ Kg7 59.Qd7+ *(59.Rg2? Re1#)* 59...Kf8 60.Qf5+ *(60.Rf2 Qd3+ 61.Kg2 Qg3+ 62.Kf1 Qd3+ 63.Kg2 Qg3+ 64.Kf1=)* 60...Kg7 61.Qg4+ *(61.Rg2? Re1#; 61.Rf2 Re3+-)* 61...Kh6 62.Qxg3 fxg3 63.Re2+-]
[57...Ke7= -0.01/26 remains equal. 58.Rf2 Qxh3+ 59.Qxh3 Rxh3]
58.Qf5+? -0.10/26
[White should play 58.Rf2± 1.42/25]
58...Ke8 1.37/24
[58...Ke7= -0.10/26 59.Qg5+ Kd6 60.Qd8+ Ke6 61.d5+ Kf7 62.Qd7+ Kf6 63.Qd8+ *(63.Qxc6+ Kg7=; 63.Rf2 cxd5 64.Qd6+ Kf5±)* 63...Kf7 64.Qd7+ Kf6]

(Diagram)



Black defended with fortune.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.49
½-½

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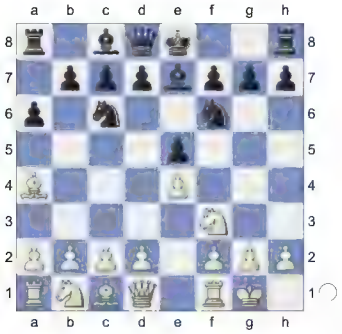
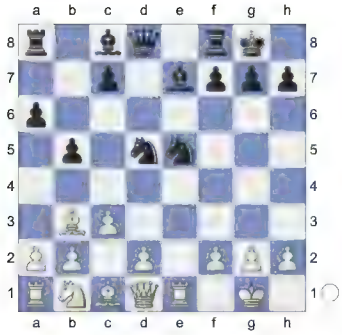
□ **Corre Por Tu Vida** **2757**
■ **Molt7N** **2860**
Blitz 29.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

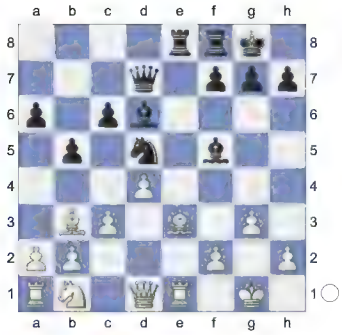


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.g3 Bf5 14.d4 Qd7 15.Be3 Rae8

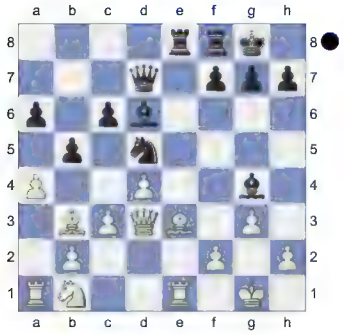


The position is equal. **16.a4N**
[16.Nd2 Bg4 17.Qb1 *(17.Qc2 Bf5 18.Qc1 Re7 19.Nf3 Bg4 20.Nh4 Rfe8 21.Qd2 h6 22.Qd3 g6 23.Bd1 Bh3 24.Bf3 g5 25.Ng2 Bf5 26.Qd1 Nf6 27.a4 Ne4 28.axb5 axb5 29.Ra6 Qb7 30.Qa1 Bc8 31.Ra8 Bb8* Anand,V (2811)-Kramnik,V (2800) London 2011 CBM 146 [Postny, Evgeny] ½-½ (39) *)* 17...Bf5 *(17...h6 18.a4 Re7 19.Nf1 Rfe8 20.axb5 axb5 21.Bd1 Bf5 22.Qc1 Be4 23.Bc2 Bf3 24.Bd1 Be4* 14. d4 #16-N,N Marshall 12. g3*)* 18.Bc2 Bxc2 19.Qxc2 f5 20.c4 bxc4 *(20...Nf6 21.Bg5 Ng4 22.cxb5 axb5 23.h3 Nf6 24.Bxf6 Rxf6 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Nf3 f4 27.g4 h5 28.Re1 Qc8 29.Ng5 g6 30.Ne4 Re6 31.d5* 1-0 (31) Iordachescu,V (2564)-Brunello,S (2460) Reggio Emilia 2007 CT-2250 [Andrey Deviatkin (www.chesstoday.net)]*)* 21.Nxc4 f4 22.Bd2

f3 23.Qd3 Re2 24.Rxe2 Qh3 25.Ne3 Rf4 Chapter-Games Game 4]

16...Bg4 17.Qd3 -1.58/25

[17.Qc1= -0.01/20]



17...Bf5? 0.01/21

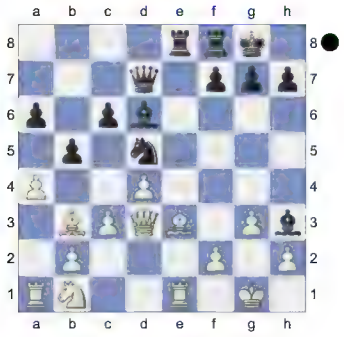
[17...Nf4!∓ -1.58/25 18.gxf4 Bf3]

18.Qf1= Bh3

[Resist 18...Nxe3 19.fxe3 Rb8 20.Qf2±]

19.Qd3 -0.87/23

[19.Qe2!= -0.01/25 remains equal.]



19...f5 0.52/21

0x0.0021cb7e4bb2dp-1022s more active pieces. The white rooks are badly placed.

[19...Nf4!∓ -0.87/23 20.Qd1 Ng2]

20.Bxd5+ -0.01/23

[20.Nd2± 0.52/21]

20...cxd5

(Diagram)

21.f4

[Don't go for 21.axb5? f4 22.bxa6 fxe3 23.Rxe3 Rxe3 24.Qxe3 Qb5∓]

[21.Nd2 keeps more tension. f4 22.Bxf4 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Bxf4 24.gxf4 bxa4 25.Nf1]

21...Re6 Threatens to win with ...Bxf4!

22.Nd2! Bg4 0.88/21

[22...bxa4= 0.03/21 23.Nf3 Bg4]

23.axb5± axb5 24.Bf2 Rfe8 1.28/23

[⌓24...Rxe1+ 0.92/20 25.Rxe1 Re8]

25.Rxe6 Rxe6

26.Re1 0.81/22 Prevents Re2.

[⌓26.Ra5 1.38/20]

26...Rxe1+ 27.Bxe1 Qe6 28.Bf2 Qd7 29.Nf1 Bc7 1.27/25

[⌓29...Qe8 0.94/21]

30.Ne3 Bh3 1.51/24

[⌓30...g6 1.07/22]

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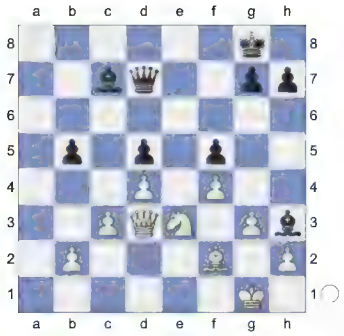
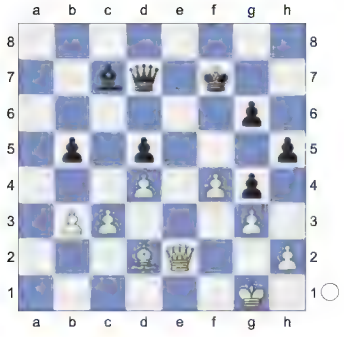
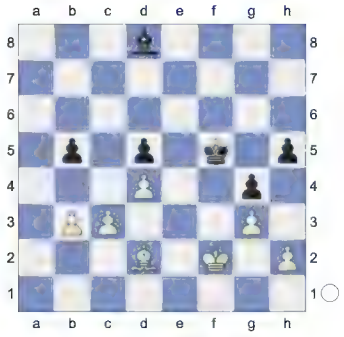


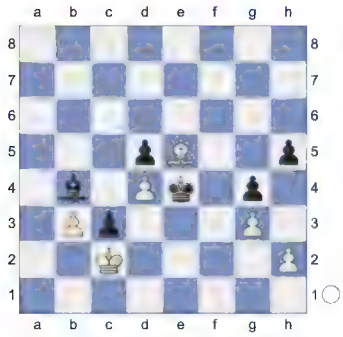
31.Qe2 Bg4 Against Qf3 **32.Nxg4** 0.79/24
[⌓32.Qc2 1.51/24]
32...fxg4 33.Be1 Kf7 34.Bd2 g6 35.b3 h5



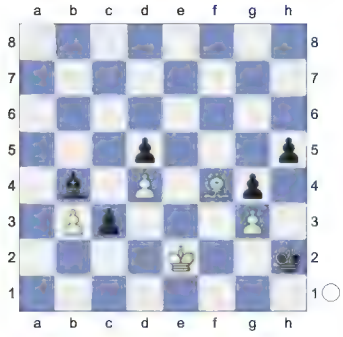
36.Qd3 Qc6 1.46/23
[36...Kf6± 0.55/21]
37.f5 Bd8 38.fxg6+ Qxg6 39.Qxg6+ 0.01/20
[Better is 39.Qxb5+- 2.09/22 Qe4 40.Qf1+ Ke6 41.Qf4]
39...Kxg6+- Endgame KB-KB **40.Kf2 Kf5**



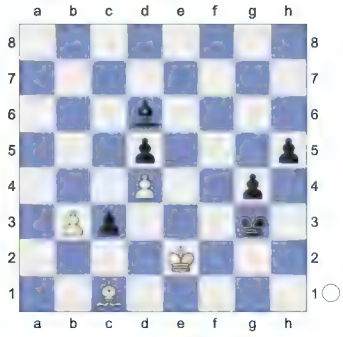
41.Bf4 Ke4 And now ...Kd3 would win.
42.Ke2 Ba5 43.Kd2 -1.80/29
[43.Bd2= 0.01/30 and White is okay.]
43...b4-+ 44.Kc2 -8.28/26
[44.cxb4∓ -1.43/25 Bxb4+ 45.Ke2]
44...bxc3 White must now prevent ... Bb4. **45.Be5 Bb4**



46.Bf6 Ke3 47.Be5 Ke2? -2.45/28
[47...Kf2 -10.68/30 48.Bb8 Kg2]
48.Bf4? -10.56/30
[48.Bb8 -2.45/28]
48...Kf3 Black is clearly winning. **49.Kd3 Kg2 50.Ke2 Kxh2**



Hoping for ...c2. **51.Kf2 Kh3** (-> ...Ba3) **52.Bc1** Prevents Ba3. **52...Bd6 53.Ke2 Kxg3**



What a fight!
Weighted Error Value: White=1.11/

Black=0.73
0-1

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□ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2743**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2792**
7th Gashimov Mem Blitz (12.1) 23.12.21
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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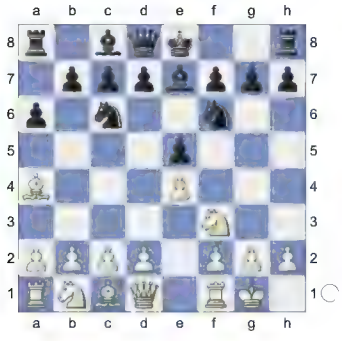
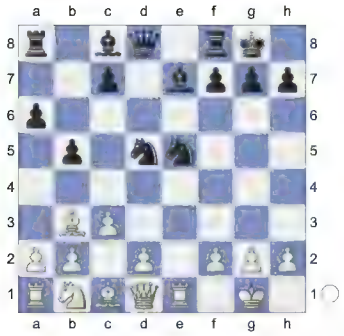
' 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

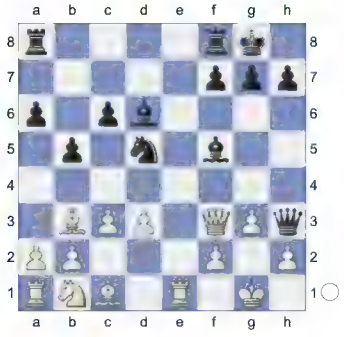


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

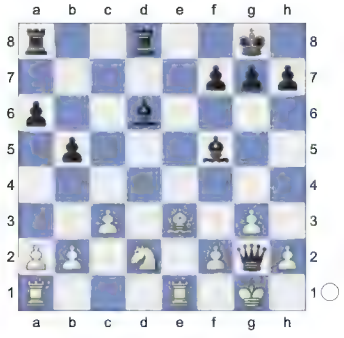
(Diagram)



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[Of course not 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



16.Be3 Bxd3 White has an edge.
[Resist 16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
17.Nd2 Bf5
[But not 17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]
18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rfd8 20.Qg2 Qxg2+



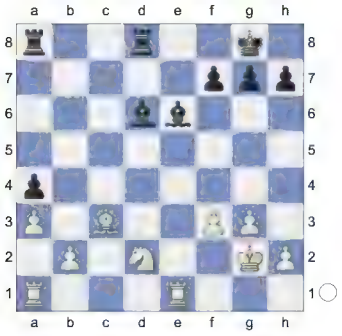
21.Kxg2 b4 22.Bd4 0.06/17
[22.Nc4± 0.44/19 might be stronger.]
22...bxc3 0.41/20

[22...Be6= 0.06/17]
[22...Bf8 23.Nb3 Be6 24.Bb6 Rdb8 25.Ba5 bxc3 ½-½ (25) Navara,D (2703)-Vitiugov,N (2751) Hamburgo 2019 Chess Informant 142 [Foisor, Sabina Francesca]]

23.Bxc3± Be6 24.f3N

[24.Ne4 Bf8 25.a3 h6 26.Re3 Rac8 27.Rae1 Rc6 28.f3 Be7 29.h4 Rd5 30.R1e2 h5 31.Nf2 Bc5 32.Re5 Rxe5 33.Rxe5 Bxa3 34.Rxh5 Be7 35.Ra5 Bc4 36.Ra4 f6 37.Ng4 Kf7 38.h5 Bb5 Sarana,A (2664)-Sethuraman,S (2634) Saint Louis A 2019 Chess Informant 142 [Foisor, Sabina Francesca] 1-0 (64) 39.Rf4 Re6 40.h6 gxh6 41.Nxh6+ Kg6 42.Nf5 Bd6 43.Nxd6 Rxd6 44.Re4 Bc6 45.Rc4 Re6 46.Kf2 Bb5 47.Rg4+ Kf7 48.Rf4 Kg6 49.g4 Rd6 50.Kg3 Bd7 51.Re4 Bc6 52.Rc4 Bd7 53.f4 Rd3+ Chapter Part-Games Game 4 (64)]

24...a5 25.a3 a4



26.Ne4 Be7 27.Rad1 h6 28.Bb4 0.17/23

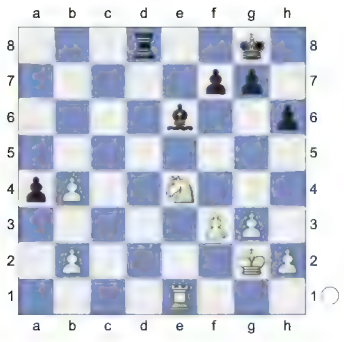
[28.g4± 0.49/19 feels stronger.]

28...Bxb4!= 29.axb4 Rab8 0.81/21

[29...Bb3± 0.37/22 is more appropriate. 30.Rxd8+ Rxd8]

30.Rxd8+± Rxd8

(Diagram)



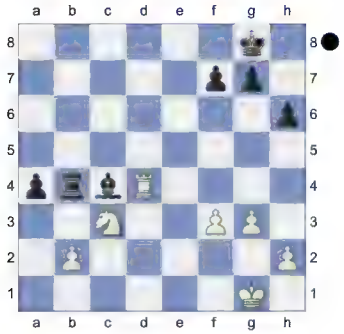
Endgame KRB-KRN **31.Nc3 Bc4** 0.93/21

[31...Rd4± 0.56/19]

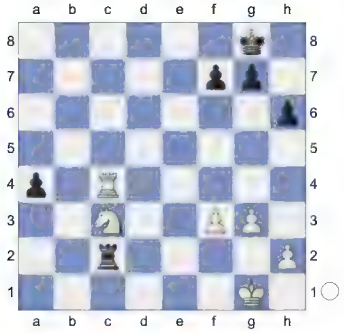
32.Rd1 -0.02/25

[White should try 32.Nxa4± 0.93/21 Rd2+ 33.Kg1]

32...Rb8= The position is equal. **33.Rd4 Rxb4 34.Kg1**

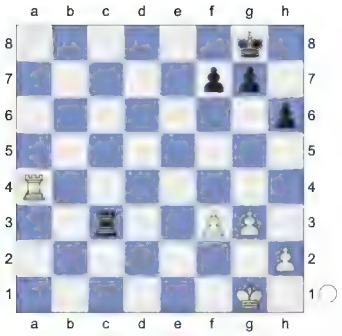


Inhibits Bf1. **34...Rxb2!** aiming for ... Rb4. **35.Rxc4 Rc2!**



next ...a3 is good for Black. **36.Rxa4 Rxc3**

(Diagram)



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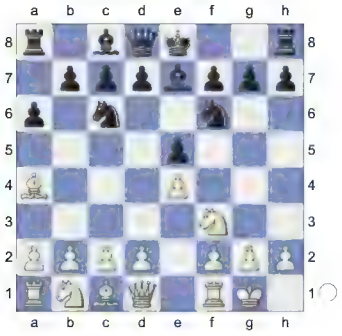
½-½

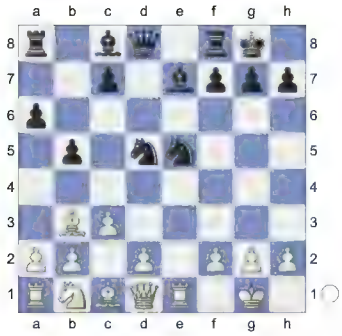
131 **C89**
□ **Charmgame** **2826**
■ **sumsar42** **2947**
Blitz 23.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 a5
[13...Bf5 14.Qf3 Re8 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Nd2 Qe1+ 17.Nf1 Bg6 18.g3 b4 19.h4 h5 20.c4 Nf6 21.Bd1 Re8 22.Bd2 Qe5 23.Rc1 Bc5 24.a3 a5 25.axb4 axb4 26.Rc2 Ng4 27.Ne3 Qd6 28.Nxg4 Ivanchuk,V (2720)-Svidler,P (2745) Reykjavik 2015 CBM 170 [Pavlovic, Milos] 0-1 (33)]
[13...Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6 16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 Qg6 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Rxe4 Bf5 20.Re3 Rad8 21.Qf3 c5 22.a4 Bb8 23.axb5 axb5 24.Bd5 Bg4 25.Qe4 Qh5 26.c4 Kh8 27.b3 f5 28.Qe7 Volchkova,A (1913)-Goganov,A (2463) St Petersburg 2024 Mega2024 Update 43 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (35)]
14.Qf3 a4N
[14...Re8 15.Be3 Be6 16.Nd2 a4 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Qh5 Re5 19.Qh3 Be6 20.Qf3 Bd5 21.Qh3 Qe7 22.Nf3 Be6 23.Qh4 Qxh4 24.Nxh4 Rh5 25.g3 b4 26.c4 Be5 27.Rab1 Rd8 28.Red1 Bf6 29.Ng2 Morawietz,D (2388)-Schroeder,J (2553) Tegernsee 2022 0-1 (44) Bg4 30.Rd2 Rd7 31.d4 Ra5 32.Ne1 Ra8 33.f3 Be6 34.b3 Bf5 35.Rbd1 axb3 36.axb3 Ra3 37.d5 cxd5 38.Rxd5 Rxd5 39.Rxd5 g6 40.Rb5 Kg7 41.g4 Rxb3 42.Bd2 Bd4+ 43.Kf1 Rb2 44.Bxb4 Rubinstein Variation,W

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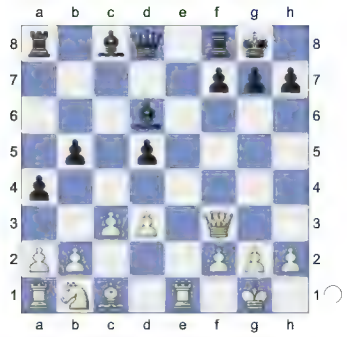
15.Bxd5 White is slightly better.

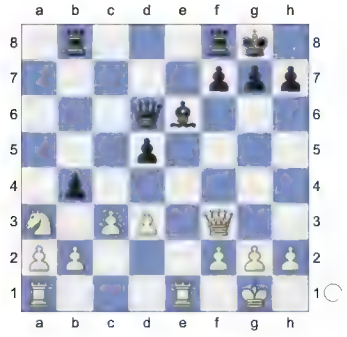
15...cxd5



16.Bf4 Be6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Na3 Rab8 1.28/21

[18...b4!= 0.01/21 19.cxb4 Qxb4]

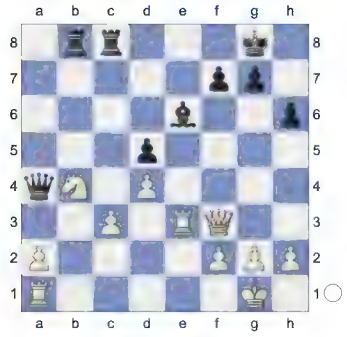
19.Nc2± a3 20.Nxa3 b4



21.Nc2 bxc3 22.bxc3 Rfc8 23.d4 Qc6 24.Re3 Qa4 2.08/20

[⌓24...Ra8 1.63/19 25.Nb4 Qc4]

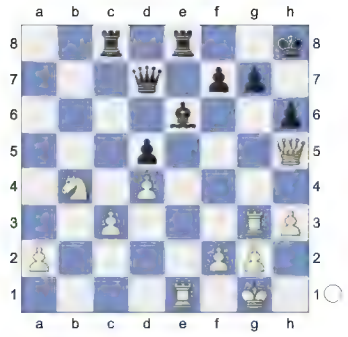
25.Nb4+- h6



26.h3 Rd8 27.Rae1 Rbc8 28.Qe2 Kh8 29.Rg3 Re8 30.Qh5

[30.Qe5 Bg4 31.hxg4 Rxe5 32.Rxe5 f6±]

30...Qd7



31.Nd3

[Inferior is 31.Qe5 Bg4 32.hxg4 Rxe5 33.Rxe5 f6±]

31...f6 32.Nc5 Bf7 33.Rxe8+

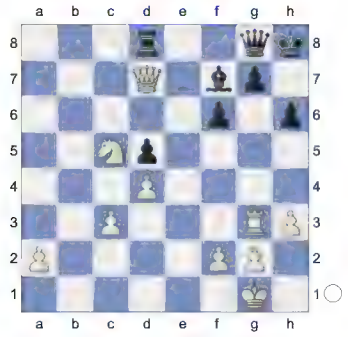
[33.Nxd7? is the wrong capture. Rxe1+ 34.Kh2 Bxh5-+]

33...Qxe8 34.Qg4 Qg8 2.93/24

[34...Qe1+ 1.90/21 was necessary. 35.Kh2 Rg8]

35.Qd7 Rd8? 6.76/22

[35...Ra8 2.77/23 36.a4 Qe8]



36.Qc7 2.81/25

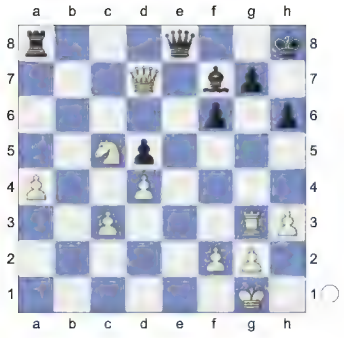
[⌓36.Rxg7!! 6.76/22 Rxd7 *(36...Kxg7 37.Ne6+)* 37.Rxg8+ Kxg8 38.Nxd7]

36...Rc8 37.Qf4 Ra8 38.a4 2.86/23

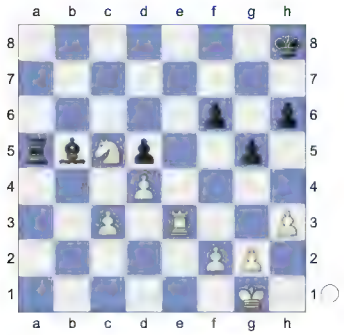
[⌓38.Re3 2.02/20]

38...Qe8 39.Qg4 Qg8 40.Qd7 Qe8

(Diagram)

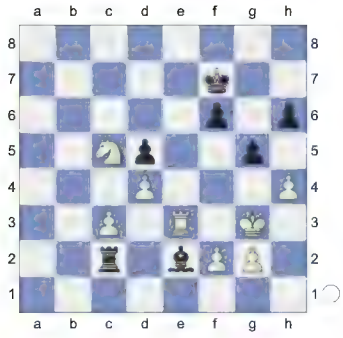


41.Qxe8+ Bxe8 Endgame KRB-KRN **42.Ne6 Ra7 43.a5 g5?** 3.61/22
[43...Kh7± 1.50/21 44.h4 g5]
44.Re3? 1.28/22
[44.Rf3+- 3.61/22 is the precise move to win.]
44...Bb5? 2.89/23
[44...Bf7± 1.28/22 might work better. 45.Nd8 Kg8]
45.Nc5 1.26/23
[45.Rf3+- 2.89/23 is more deadly.]
45...Rxa5

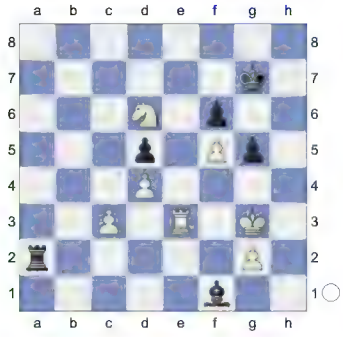


46.Re7 Kg8 Against Rf7 **47.Kh2** 0.97/23
[⌓47.Ne6 1.43/21]
47...Ra2± 48.Kg3 Rc2 1.43/20
[⌓48...h5 0.92/23]
49.Re3 0.32/22
[49.Ne6!± 1.43/20]
49...Kf7± 50.h4 Be2 0.91/24
[50...gxh4+= -0.01/22 51.Kxh4 Rxf2]

(Diagram)

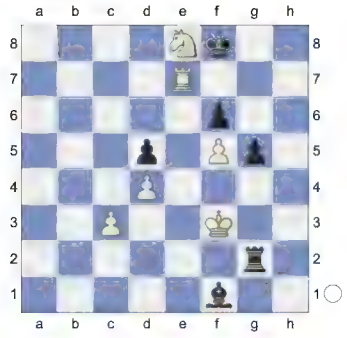


51.hxg5 hxg5 52.Nb7! Kg6 53.Nd6 Ra2 54.f4 0.00/23
[54.Re8± 1.14/21]
54...Bf1= 55.f5+? -2.63/22
[55.fxg5= 0.00/23 and White has nothing to worry. Kxg5 56.Re8]
55...Kg7? 1.20/27
[55...Kh5-+ -2.63/22 56.Kh2 Rxg2+ 57.Kh1 Rc2]

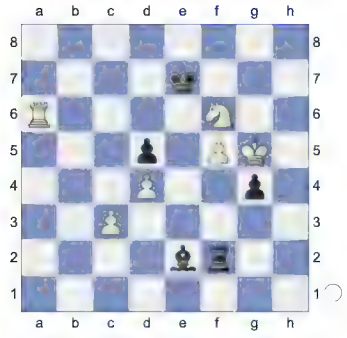


56.Re7+± Kg8 1.39/26
[Black should try 56...Kh6 0.80/26]
57.Re8+ 0.98/25
[⌓57.Kg4 1.39/26]
57...Kg7 58.Re7+ 0.01/22
[58.Kf3!± 0.94/26]
58...Kg8!= 59.Ne8 0.91/30
[Better is 59.Kg4+- 1.69/25]
59...Rxg2+± 60.Kf3 Kf8

(Diagram)

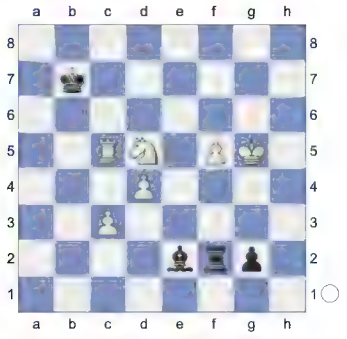


61.Re6! g4+ 62.Kf4 Be2? 4.90/21
[62...Kf7± 0.96/24 is tougher.]
63.Nxf6+- Rf2+ 64.Kg5 Intending Kg6 and mate. **64...Kf7 65.Ra6??** -5.41/23 **Ke7??** 3.75/22
[65...Bxa6-+ -5.41/23 66.Nxg4 Rg2]

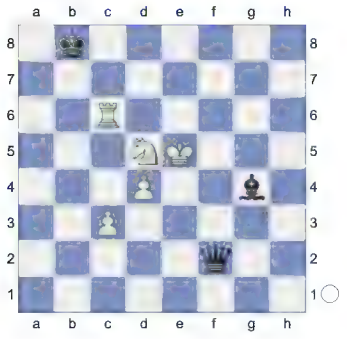


66.Ra7+ Kd6

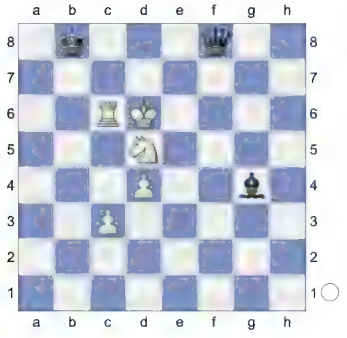
67.Rd7+? 0.96/5
[And not 67.Nxg4 Rg2=]
[67.Nh5!+- 2.56/20 and the rest is easy.]
67...Kc6± 68.Rxd5? -5.30/18
[68.Rg7!± 0.51/20 stays ahead.]
68...g3-+ ...g2 is the strong threat.
69.Rc5+ Kb7 70.Nd5 Black must now prevent Rc7+. **70...g2**



71.Kf6 g1Q 72.Rc7+ Kb8 (-> ...Qg4)
73.Rc6 Rxf5+? -3.40/22 **74.Kxf5 Bg4+ 75.Ke5?** -5.25/23
[75.Kf6 -3.18/22]
75...Qf2



76.Kd6 Qf8+



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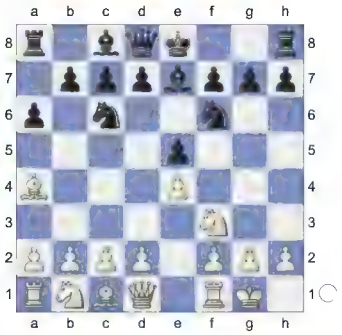
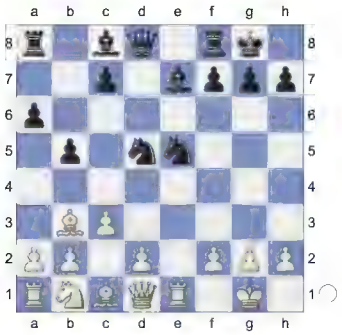
132 **C89**
□ **Charmgame** **2804**
■ **sumsar42** **2969**
Blitz 23.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

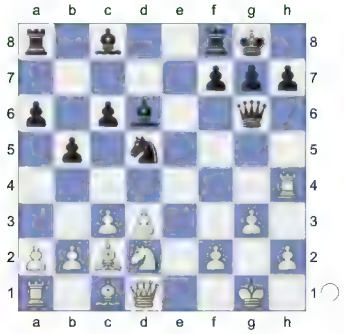


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



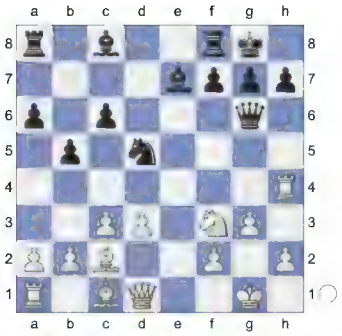
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6

16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Bc2
[17.Nd2 with more complications. Ng4 18.f3 Ne3 19.Qe2]
17...Qg6 18.Nd2 White is slightly better.
[18.d4 Bf5 19.Bxf5 Qxf5 20.Bf4 Be7 21.Be5 Nd5 22.g4 Qg6 23.Rh5 f5 24.h3 Bg5 25.Na3 h6 26.Qd3 Qf7 27.Qg3 g6 28.Rxg5 hxg5 29.h4 f4 30.Qh2 gxh4 31.Qxh4 Qh7 32.Qg5 f3 Iljushenok,I (2519)-Bespalov,E (2117) Sochi 2024 0-1 (37)]
18...Nd5N
[18...Bg4 19.f3 *(19.Nf3 Rfe8 20.Kg2 Nd5 21.d4 Bf5 22.Bxf5 Qxf5 23.Bd2 Nf6 24.Bf4 Bf8 25.Bd2 Bd6 26.Bf4 Bf8 27.Bd2 Bd6* ½-½ (27) Logan,T (2670)-Ellithorpe,G (2670) ICCF email 1998 CBM 45 [Lekander, Rolf] *)* 19...Bf5 20.Ne4 Rad8 21.d4 Rfe8 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Be4 h6 24.b4 Bxb4 25.cxb4 Rxd4 26.Qf1 Rdxe4 27.fxe4 Qxa1 28.exf5 Qc3 29.Kf2 Geller,J (2511)-Naiditsch,A (2638) Moscow 2008 CI1-130 [Beliavsky,Alexander G]]

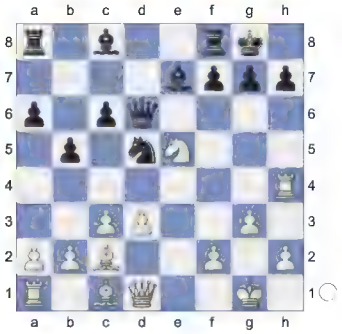


19.Nf3 0.33/17
[19.Nc4!± 0.83/19]
19...Be7 0.68/18
[⌓19...Re8 0.33/17]

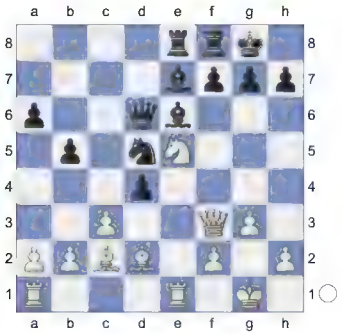
(Diagram)



20.Ne5!± Qd6

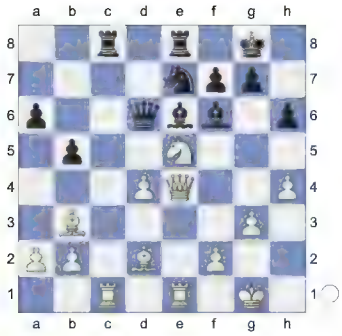


21.Re4 Bf5 22.Re1 Rae8 23.Qf3 Be6 24.d4 c5 25.Bd2 cxd4

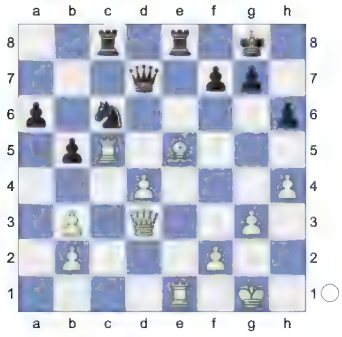


26.cxd4 Rc8 27.Bb3 Rfe8 28.Rac1 Bf6 29.h4 h6 1.41/20
[⌓29...Rxc1 1.03/19 30.Rxc1 *(30.Bxc1 Nc7±)* 30...Ne7]
30.Qe4 Ne7 1.61/21
[30...Rxc1± 1.20/20 31.Rxc1 Ne7]

(Diagram)

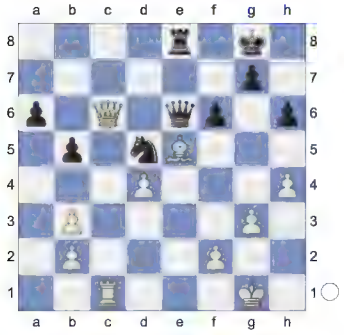


31.Bf4 0.22/22
[31.Bxe6+- 1.61/21 Qxe6 32.Rxc8 Rxc8 33.Ng4 Qxe4 34.Nxf6+ *(34.Rxe4 Nd5±)* 34...gxf6 35.Rxe4]
31...Bxb3 0.60/22
[31...Rxc1= 0.22/22 is superior. 32.Rxc1 *(32.Bxc1 Bxb3 33.axb3 Nc6=)* 32...Bxb3 33.axb3 Qe6]
32.axb3 Qd5 1.76/23
[32...Rxc1± 0.40/21 33.Rxc1 Qe6]
33.Qd3? -0.27/21
[White should play 33.Ng4+- 1.76/23 Qxe4 34.Nxf6+ *(34.Rxe4 Nd5±)* 34...gxf6 35.Rxe4]
33...Bxe5 0.55/21
[33...Rxc1= -0.27/21 34.Rxc1 *(34.Bxc1 Nc6∓)* 34...Bxe5 35.Bxe5 Nc6]
34.Bxe5 -0.20/23
[Better is 34.Rxe5± 0.55/21 Qd7 35.Rce1]
34...Nc6 35.Rc5 Qd7

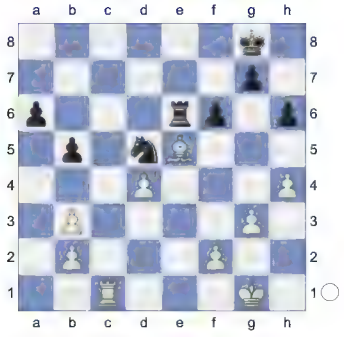


And now ...f6 would win. **36.Qe3?** -1.96/21
[36.Re4= 0.01/21]

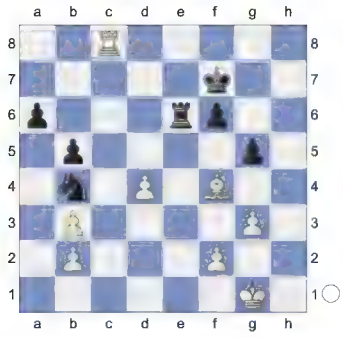
36...Nb4? 0.23/21
[36...f6-+ -1.96/21 37.b4 fxe5 38.dxe5 Qe6]
37.Rxc8 Qxc8 0.32/22
[37...Rxc8= -0.01/21 is more appropriate. 38.Qf3 Qe6]
38.Rc1 0.01/20
[38.Qc3± 0.32/22 Qxc3 39.bxc3]
38...Qe6 0.40/21
[38...Qf5= 0.01/20 feels stronger.]
39.Qc3? -3.82/23
[39.Qf3!± 0.40/21 stays ahead.]
39...Nd5? 0.11/22
[39...Na2-+ -3.82/23 40.Qe3 Nxc1 41.Qxc1 Qxb3]
40.Qc6 f6



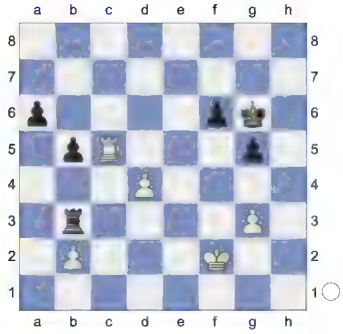
...Qxc6 is the strong threat. **41.Qxe6+ Rxe6=** Endgame



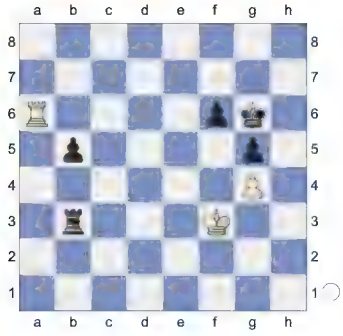
KRB-KRN **42.Rc5! Nb4**
[42...fxe5 43.Rxd5]
43.Bf4 g5 1.82/22
[43...Re2± 0.74/20 keeps fighting.]
44.Rc8+? 0.15/23
[White should try 44.Bd2+- 1.82/22 Nd3 45.Rc3 Nxb2 46.hxg5 fxg5 47.Kf1]
44...Kf7 45.hxg5 hxg5



46.Rc7+ Kg6 47.Be3 -0.46/25
[47.Bd2= 0.21/23 Rc6 48.Re7]
47...Nd5∓ 48.Rc5 -1.85/23 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
[48.Rc2∓ -0.62/23]
48...Nxe3-+ 49.fxe3 -3.23/23
[⌓49.d5 -2.28/23 Re8 50.fxe3 Rxe3 51.d6]
49...Rxe3 KR-KR **50.Kf2 Rxb3**



51.Rc2 Rd3 52.Rc6 Rxd4 Hoping for ... a5. **53.Rxa6 Rd2+ 54.Kf3 Rxb2 55.g4 Rb3+**



56.Ke4? -7.21/26
[56.Kf2 -2.78/27]

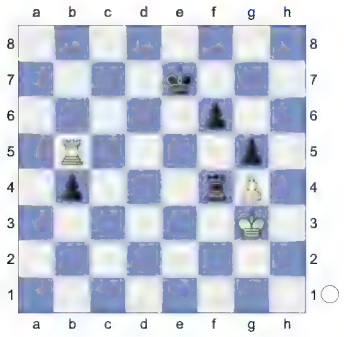
56...Rb4+ 57.Kf3 Rf4+ 58.Kg3 b4? -1.80/27

[58...Kf7 -7.09/31 59.Kg2 b4]

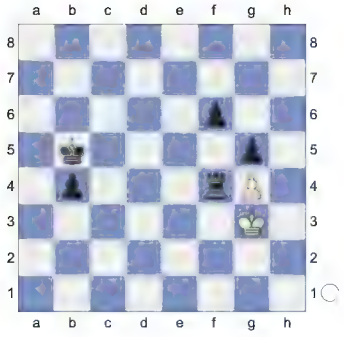
59.Rb6? -5.34/27

[59.Ra7 -1.80/27 nothing else works.]

59...Kf7 60.Rb5 Ke7



61.Rb6 Kd7 62.Rb7+ Kc6 63.Rb5 Kxb5



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133 **C89**

□ **Elconceto** **2840**

■ **Mothandtheflame** **2913**

Blitz 20.12.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

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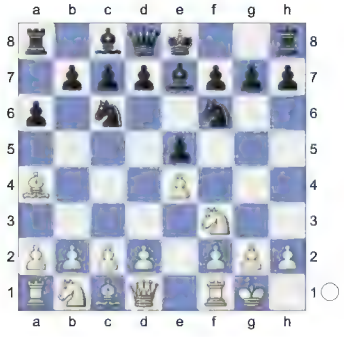
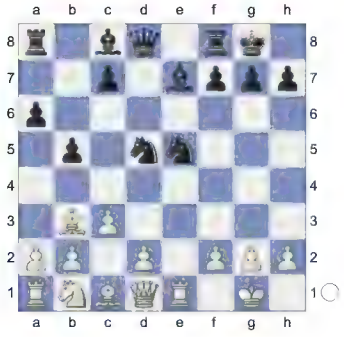


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

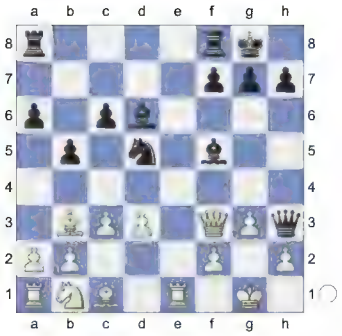


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3!

[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]

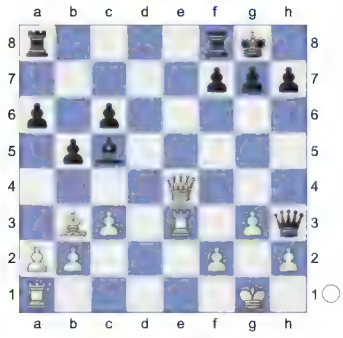
15...Qh3

(Diagram)

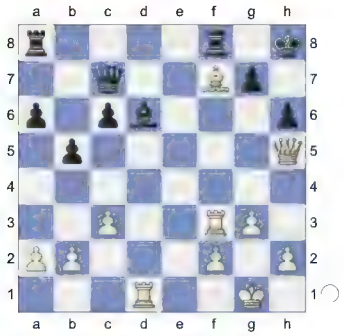


16.Be3 Bxd3 White has an edge.
[Don't play 16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
17.Nd2 Bf5
[Much less strong is 17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]
18.Ne4
[18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rfd8 *(19...Rad8 20.Qg2 Qh5 21.Bd4 b4 22.Nc4 Bb8 23.Ne3 Be6 24.Qc6 bxc3 25.bxc3 Qb5 26.Qf3 Rfe8 27.Rab1 Qd7 28.Rb7 Qc8 29.Reb1 Bd6 30.a4 Rd7 31.h4 h6 32.Rxd7 Qxd7 33.Rb6 a5 34.Rb5* Madaminov, M (2517)-Sivuk,V (2569) Toshkent 2024 Mega2024 Update 33 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (57) *)* 20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 b4 22.Bd4 Bf8 23.Nb3 Be6 24.Bb6 Rdb8 25.Ba5 bxc3 ½-½ (25) Navara, D (2703)-Vitiugov,N (2751) Hamburgo 2019 Chess Informant 142 [Foisor, Sabina Francesca]]

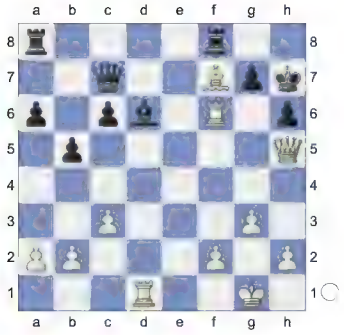
18...Bxe4 0.39/18
[18...Bg4!= -0.01/18 19.Qh1 *(19.Qg2 Qxg2+)* 19...Be7]
19.Qxe4± Nxe3N
[19...Rae8 20.Qf3 Nxe3 21.Rxe3 Rxe3 22.Qxe3 Qf5 23.Kg2 Bc5 24.Qf3 Qxf3+ 25.Kxf3 Rd8 26.Rd1 Rxd1 27.Bxd1 Kf8 28.Bc2 Be7 29.Be4 c5 30.Bb7 a5 31.Bc6 b4 32.Ke4 Bf6 33.Kd3 Ke7 34.Kc4 Ernst,H (2745)-C 10/13 (2701) Las Vegas 2022 ICCF 2019 [John Watson] ½-½ (46) Kd6 35.Be8 Ke7 36.Bb5 Kd6 37.a4 Bd8 38.Be8 f6 39.f4 Bc7 40.Bh5 Bd8 41.Bf3 Bc7 42.Be4 h6 43.Bf3 Bd8 44.Be4 Bc7 45.Bf3 Bd8 46.Be4 Bc7 ½-½ (46) Grischuk,A (2745)-Artemiev,V (2701) Chess.com INT 2022]
20.Rxe3 Bc5 1.20/20
[⌓20...Qd7 0.87/20]



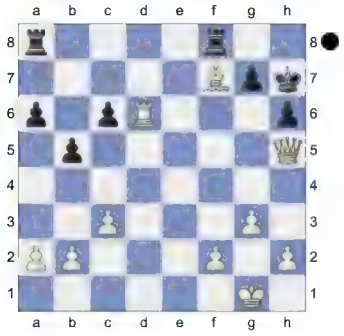
21.Rf3± Qd7 2.07/21
[21...Qc8± 1.15/20]
22.Rd1+- Qc7 23.Qf5 Bd6 24.Bxf7+
[Worse is 24.Bc2 g6 25.Qg5 Rad8=]
24...Kh8? 5.86/22
[24...Rxf7 2.19/22 25.Qxf7+ Qxf7 26.Rxf7 Kxf7]
25.Qh5?→ 2.33/21 White attacks with force.
[25.Rd4 5.86/22 Qxh7+! would kill now. Rxf7 26.Qxf7]
25...h6 7.29/21
[25...Qe7 2.33/21 26.Bg6 h6]



26.Rf6! Intending Rxh6+ and mate.
26...Kh7
[26...Rxf7 27.Rxf7]



27.Rdxd6! Qxd6 28.Rxd6



White took control after the opening.
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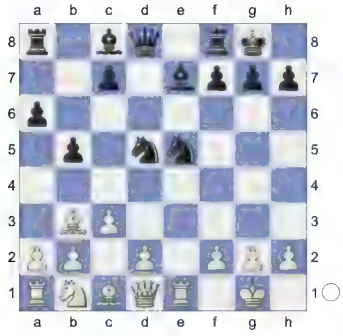
134 **C89**
□ **Zhy627** **2889**
■ **sumsar42** **2911**
Blitz 30.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Firouzja,Alireza, MH: 'C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
' Saric,Ivan, MH: 'C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
' 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



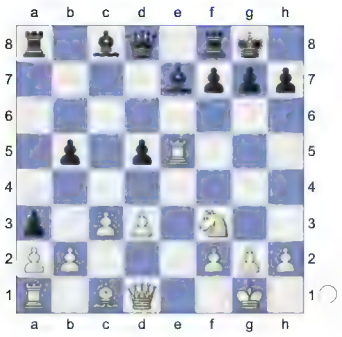
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 a5 13.Nd2N
[13.Qf3 Bd6 14.Re1 Re8 15.Be3 Be6 16.Nd2 a4 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Qh5 Re5 19.Qh3 Be6 20.Qf3 Bd5 21.Qh3 Qe7 22.Nf3 Be6 23.Qh4 Qxh4 24.Nxh4 Rh5 25.g3 b4 26.c4 Be5 27.Rab1 Rd8 Morawietz,D (2388)-Schroeder,J (2553) Tegernsee 2022 0-1 (44)]

[13.Re1 a4 14.Bc2 Bf5 15.a3 Bd6 *(15...Re8 16.Nd2 Bg6 17.Ne4 f5 18.Ng3 Bd6 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.Bd2 Ra7 21.Qf1 Re7 22.Re1 f4 23.Rxe7 Qxe7 24.Ne4 f3 25.g3 Nf6 26.Bg5 Bxe4 27.dxe4 h6 28.Bxf6 Qxf6 29.Qd3 g5 30.h3* Firouzja,A (2770)-Abasov,N (2638) Riga 2021 CBM 205 [Firouzja,Alireza] 1-0 (49) *h5 31.e5 Qxe5 32.Qxf3 h4 33.gxh4 gxh4 34.Be4 Qg5+ 35.Qg2 Qxg2+ 36.Kxg2 c5 37.Bc6 b4 38.axb4 cxb4 39.cxb4 Bxb4 40.Bxa4 Kg7 41.f4 Bd6 42.Kf3 Kf6 43.Ke4 Bb4 44.Bd7 Bd6 45.Bg4* Saric,I (2644)-Alekseenko,K (2710) Riga 2021 CBM 205 [Saric,Ivan] 1-0 (49)*)* 16.Nd2 Qh4 17.g3 Qh3 18.Ne4 Rae8 19.Nxd6 Bg4 20.Nxe8 Bxd1 21.Bxd1 Qd7 22.Nxg7 Kxg7 23.Kg2 Re8 24.Bg4 Qd8 25.Rd1 Qf6 26.h4 Re5 27.h5 Rf5 mayhem23111 (3065)-Patriciabot (2851) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (49)]

13...a4 14.Bxd5 The position is equal.

14...cxd5 15.Nf3 a3 0.62/18

[15...Bd6!= 0.00/18]



16.b4 0.07/19

[16.bxa3± 0.62/18 Bf6 17.Bg5]

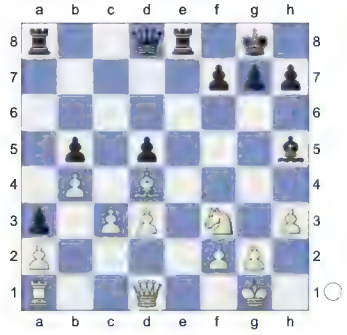
16...Bf6

[16...Bd6!?]

17.Bf4 -0.70/23

[17.Bg5= 0.13/21]

17...Bxe5∓ 18.Bxe5 Bg4 19.h3 Bh5 20.Bd4 Re8



21.g4 Bg6 22.Qd2 Qd6 23.Kg2 h5 -0.30/20

[Black should try 23...f5∓ -0.71/19]

24.Rh1 -0.80/19

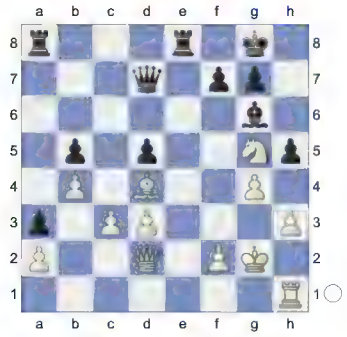
[24.Rg1= -0.30/20]

24...Qe6 25.Ng5 -1.93/19

[Better is 25.Qg5∓ -0.57/19 Qe7 26.Qd2]

25...Qd7 -0.66/20

[25...Qe2-+ -1.93/19 26.Nf3 Qxd2 27.Nxd2 Bxd3]



26.Kg3! Re7 Hoping for ...Rae8. **27.Nf3** -1.43/21

[⌓27.Bc5 -0.84/20]

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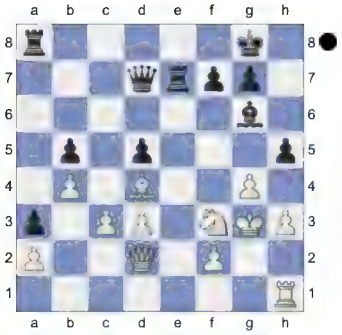
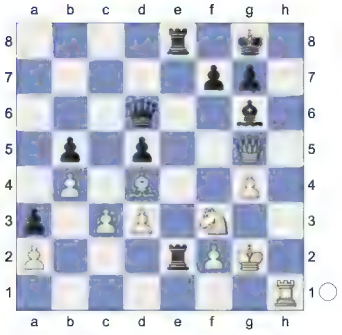
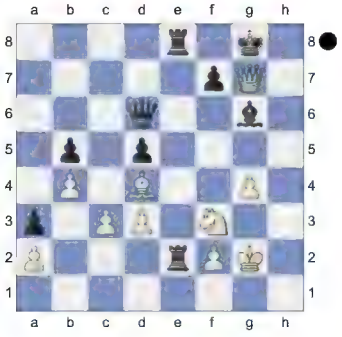


27...Rae8!∓ Strongly threatening ...Re2. **28.Qg5 hxg4** 8.23/22
[28...Qc7+∓ -0.86/20 29.Kg2 h4]
29.hxg4+- White wants to mate with Rh8+! **29...Qd6+ 30.Kg2** Threatening mate with Rh8+! **30...Re2**



31.Rh8+! Decoy. White mates.
31...Kxh8 32.Qh6+! Kg8 33.Qxg7#



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135 **C89**
□ **Vistagausta** **2880**
■ **Mjrfrnlm** **2846**
Blitz 28.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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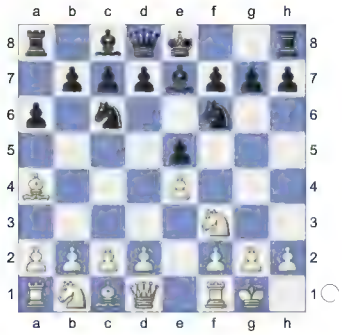
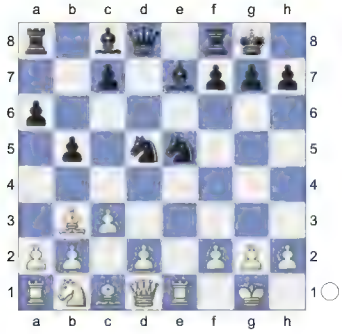
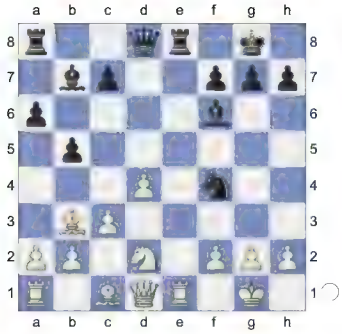


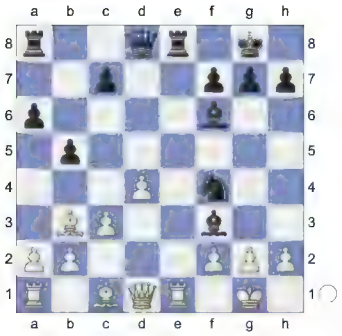
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



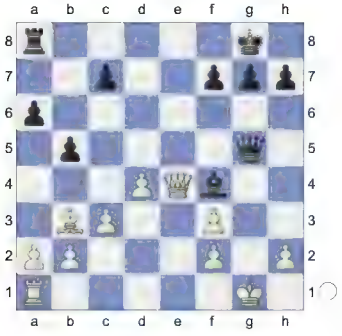
11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Nd2 Nf4



aiming for ...Rxe1+. White is slightly better. **15.Nf3 Bxf3**

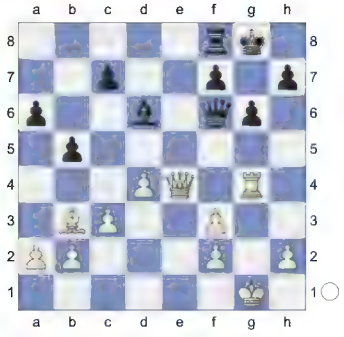


16.gxf3 Bg5 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Qe1N -0.01/23 Against Qe7
[19.Qd3± 0.46/20 Qe7 20.Qf5 Bd6 21.f4 *(21.h3 Re8 22.Bd5 g6 23.Qg4 Qe2 24.Rb1 Kg7 25.Be4 Qd2 26.h4 h5 27.Qg5 Bf4 28.Qd5 Bd6 29.Qg5 Bf4 30.Qd5 Re6 31.Qb7 Bd6 32.Kg2 Qf4 33.Rh1 Be7 34.Qc8 Bxh4 35.Rf1 Be7* jpg-bot (2446)-bot_adario (2730) Rapid 2024 [Kttiy Kat] 0-1 (75)) 21...Re8 22.Bd5 g6 23.Qg4 Kh8 24.a4 bxa4 25.Rxa4 Qe1+ 26.Kg2 Re2 27.Qf3 Rxb2 28.Ba2 Rc2 29.Rxa6 Rc1 30.Ra8+ Kg7 31.Qe3 Qh1+ 0-1 (31) Kaulla,A-Kasatkin,P Jugoslavija 40/260 1998 CT-1892 [Laios,S]]
19...Qd8!= 20.Qe4 Qg5+

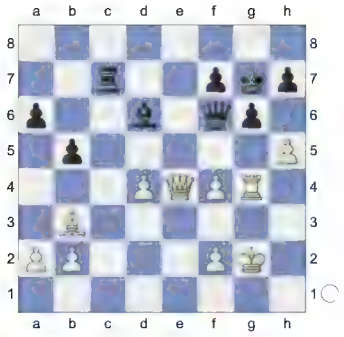


21.Kh1! Rf8 22.Rg1
[22.h3!?]
22...Qh4 Black has compensation.
23.Rg2⇄ White is not keeping still
23...g6 24.Kg1 Qf6 0.21/21
[⌓24...Kg7 -0.22/19]

25.Rg4 Bd6

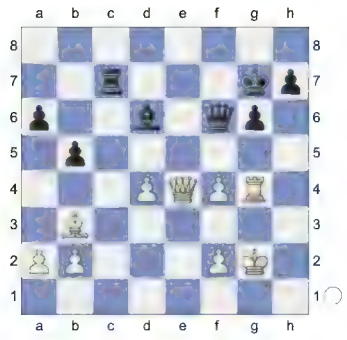


26.h4 Kg7! 27.h5 c5 0.95/19
[27...Qd8!= 0.01/21 28.Qf5 Kh6 29.hxg6 hxg6]
28.f4 0.28/20
[28.Kg2± 0.95/19]
28...cxd4 29.cxd4 Rc8 0.63/22
[29...Qe7= 0.10/21 30.Qxe7 Bxe7]
30.Kg2 0.24/20
[30.hxg6!± 0.63/22 feels stronger. h5 31.Rg5 Bxf4 32.Rxh5 Qxg6+ 33.Qxg6+ fxg6 34.Rd5]
30...Rc7

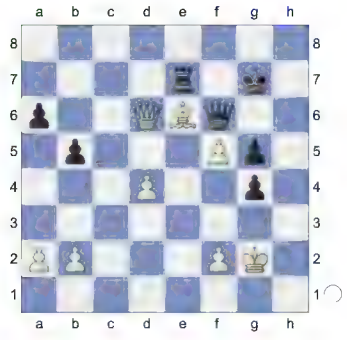


31.hxg6 fxg6 1.15/21
[31...hxg6= 0.29/21 remains equal. 32.f5 Re7]

(Diagram)

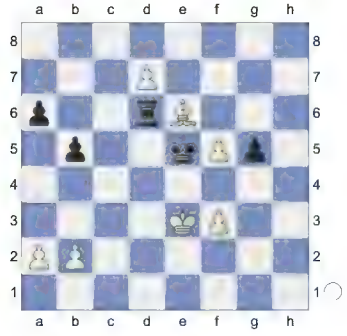


32.f5!± g5? 4.99/19
[32...Rc8± 1.17/20 is more resistant.]
33.Be6? -0.77/24
[33.Qd5 Re7±]
[33.f4+- 4.99/19 Qe7 34.fxg5]
33...h5∓
[Much worse is 33...Qh6 34.f4 Rc1 35.f6+ *(35.fxg5 Qh2+ 36.Kf3 Rf1+ 37.Ke3 Qf2+ 38.Kd3 Rd1+ 39.Kc3 Qd2+ 40.Kb3 Qb4+ 41.Kc2 Rd2+ 42.Kc1 Qxb2#; 35.Rxg5+? Kf6-+)* 35...Kh8 36.Kf2 *(36.fxg5 Qh1+ 37.Kf2 Qf1+ 38.Ke3 Re1+ 39.Kd2 Bb4+ 40.Kc2 Rc1+ 41.Kb3 Qd1+)* 36...Qh2+ 37.Rg2 Qh4+ 38.Rg3 Qh2+ 39.Rg2 Qh4+ 40.Rg3 Qh2+ 41.Rg2=]
34.Qd5 hxg4 0.01/20
[34...Bf4∓ -0.69/22 35.Rxf4 gxf4]
35.Qxd6∓ Endgame KQR-KQB **35...Re7** 1.31/21
[35...Rc2= 0.01/21 keeps the balance.]

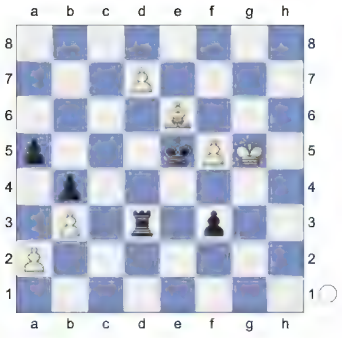


36.d5±
[Wrong is 36.Qd8? Rxe6 37.Qd5 Re7-+]
36...Re8 37.Qd7+
[But not 37.Qxa6?! Qd4=]
37...Qe7 38.Qxe7+ 0.21/5
[38.Qc6± 1.26/21]
38...Rxe7 KR-KB **39.d6 Re8 40.Kg3** 0.01/27
[40.f3± 0.79/26]
40...Kf6=

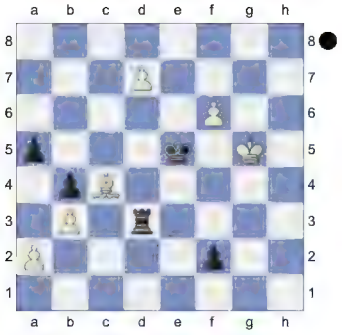
41.Kxg4 Rh8! 42.d7 Rh4+ 43.Kf3 Rd4 44.Ke3 Rd6 45.f3 Ke5



46.b3 b4 47.f4+ gxf4+ 48.Kf3? -2.35/30
[48.Ke2= 0.01/33]
48...a5? -0.01/31
[Better is 48...Rd2-+ -2.35/30 49.Kg4 Rd3]
49.Kg4? -2.49/30
[49.Ke2= -0.01/31 and White stays safe.]
49...Rd3-+ 50.Kg5? -10.22/21
[50.Kh4 -2.06/27]
50...f3
(Diagram)



...f2 is the strong threat. **51.f6 f2** -8.75/19
[⌓51...Kxe6 -#8/18 52.d8Q Rxd8 53.Kf4 f2 54.f7 f1Q+ 55.Ke4 Qxf7 56.Ke3 Qf1 57.Ke4 Rd3 58.a4 Qf5#]
52.Bc4



What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.57
0-1

136 **C89**
□ **Nakigraw** **2851**
■ **Drunkgatineau** **2810**
Blitz 07.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

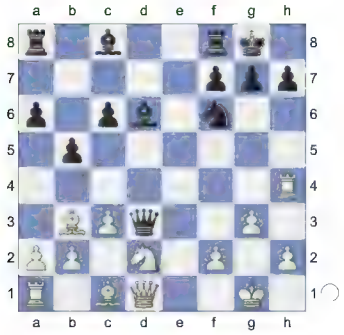
(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

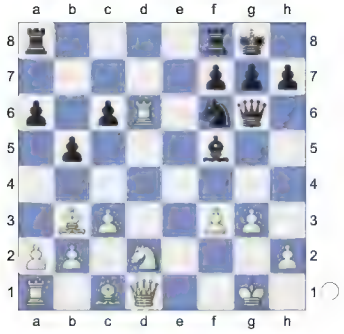
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6

16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 Qxd3N 3.78/19
[17...Ng4± 0.53/19 18.f3 *(18.Ne4 Be7±)* 18...Ne3]
[17...g5 18.Rd4 *(18.Rh6 Ng4 19.Ne4 Nxh6 20.Nxd6 Qg6 21.Ne4 Ng4 22.Bxg5 Bf5* Lopez,R-14.g3 ♕h3 15. ♖e4 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Ftacnik] *)* 18...Bc5 19.Nf3 h6 20.Bf4 Re8 21.Bd6 Bb6 9.g4 ♗e6 10.♘e6 fe6-Kotliar,M Agde 2011 CBM 45 group4 [Nickel]]
[17...Re8 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Rxe4

Rxe4 20.dxe4 Qxe4 21.Bc2 Qe7 22.Bg5 f6 23.Be3 Be6 24.Qf3 Qd7 25.Rd1 Rd8 26.Be4 Bxa2 27.Bb6 Bb3 28.Rd4 c5 29.Bxc5 Qe6 30.c4 Bxc4 31.Bb6 f5 32.Rxc4 Polgar,J (2728)-Svidler,P (2735) Wijk aan Zee 2005 CBM 105 [ChessBase] 1-0 (34)]
[17...Qg6 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Rxe4 Bf5 20.Re3 Rad8 21.Qf3 c5 22.a4 Bb8 23.axb5 axb5 24.Bd5 Bg4 25.Qe4 Qh5 26.c4 Kh8 27.b3 f5 28.Qe7 Bd6 29.Qb7 f4 30.Re1 fxg3 31.hxg3 Rxf2 32.Kxf2 Volchkova,A (1913)-Goganov,A (2463) St Petersburg 2024 Mega2024 Update 43 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (35)]

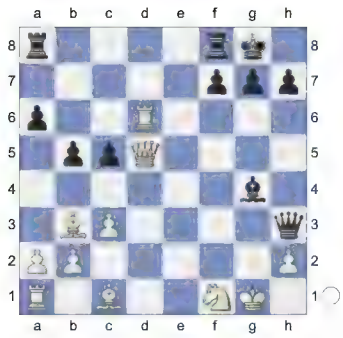


18.Rd4+- White is winning. **18...Qg6 19.Rxd6 Bg4 20.f3 Bf5**

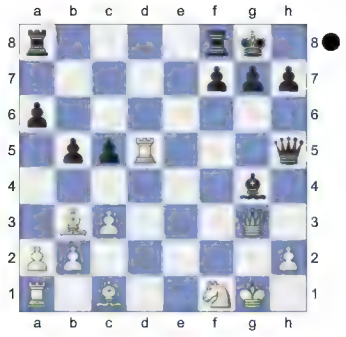


21.Nf1 Qh5 22.g4 Nxg4 23.fxg4 Bxg4 24.Qd4 c5 25.Qd5 Qh3 6.59/19
[⌓25...c4 4.12/18 26.Bc2 Qxd5 27.Rxd5 Bf3]

(Diagram)



26.Qg2 White is clearly winning.
26...Qh4 27.Qg3 Qh5 28.Rd5



Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.87
1-0

137 **C89**
□ **Kartogm** **2775**
■ **Arystanner23** **2783**
Blitz 04.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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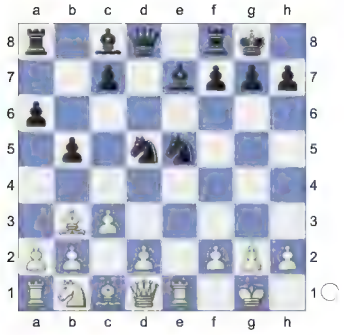
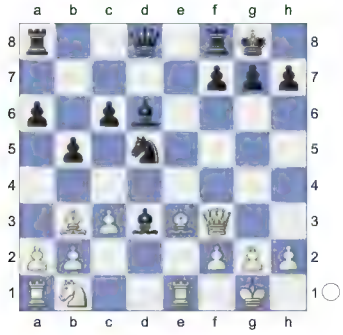
Alexander Delchev: 'Hi Everyone, We are at the start of one of the strongest tournaments this year - Gashimov Memorial. Already in the first round, we will take a closer look on the most interesting game - continuation of the clash between the reigning champion Carlsen with black pieces and his last

contender - the ex-champion Anand.'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

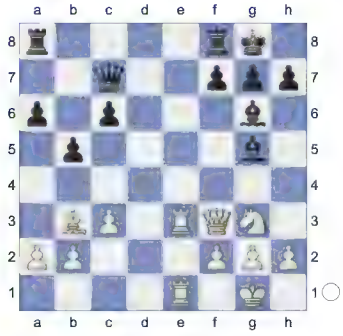
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Bg6 15.Be3N 0.06/20
[15.Na3± 0.37/19 Bxa3 16.bxa3 Nxc3 17.Bd2 Nd5 18.a4 Qd7 19.Rac1 Rfe8 20.h3 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Re8 22.Rc1 h6 23.axb5 axb5 24.a4 bxa4 25.Bxa4 Re6 26.Bb3 Qb7 27.Bc4 Re8 28.Qd1 Qd7 29.Qg4 Qxg4 30.hxg4 Ter Sahakyan,S (2640)-Chigaev,M (2622) Dhaka 2024 Mega2024 Update 15 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (39)]
[15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Bf4 d4 17.cxd4 Bb4 18.Nc3 Qxd4 19.Be5 Qd7 *(19...Qxd3 20.Re3 Qc4 21.Nd5 Rad8 22.Nxb4 Qxb4 23.Bc3 Qc4 24.Qb7 Qc8* Ruy Lopez-Marshall - 11...c6 12.d3 [EA]*)* 20.Nd5 f6 21.Nxb4 fxe5 22.Qd5+ Qxd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd3 24.Rxe5 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Ne3 Rc8 27.a3 a5 28.h4 Bg6 29.Rd1 b4 Anand,V (2515)-Van der Wiel,J (2560) Wijk aan Zee 1989 CI1-130 [Van der Wiel,John] 0-1 (53) 30.axb4 axb4 31.g4 b3 32.h5 Bf7 33.Kg2 Kf8 34.Kg3 Ra8 35.Rd2 h6 36.Nf5 Be6 37.Nd4 Bf7 38.f3 Rc8 39.Kf4 Rc1 40.Nf5 Kg8 41.Rd8+ Kh7 42.Rd7 Kg8 43.Rd8+ Kh7 44.Rd7 Kg8 Buchicchio,G (2791)-Molina,R (2863) Erfurt 2015 Catastrophe Open File [FS1981/67] ½-½ (53)]
15...Bxd3

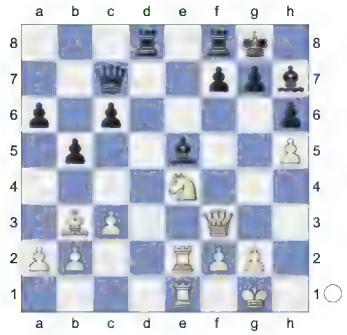


16.Nd2 Nxe3 The position is equal.
[Don't take 16...Qh4 17.g3 Qh3 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5±]
17.Rxe3 Bg6 18.Ne4
[Don't play 18.Qxc6 Bf4 19.Re2 Bd3∓]
18...Be7 19.Rae1 Qc7 20.Ng3↑ White has some pressure. **20...Bg5**

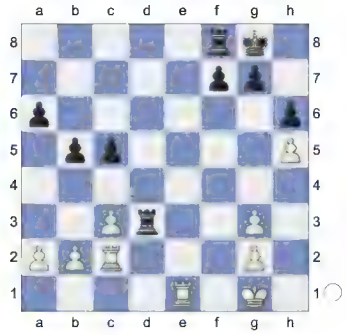


21.Re5 Bf6 This bishop pair is nice.
22.R5e2 Rad8 23.Ne4 Be5 0.80/21
[23...Be7= 0.01/19]

24.h4!± h6 1.18/22
[Black should play 24...h5 0.78/20]
25.h5 Bh7

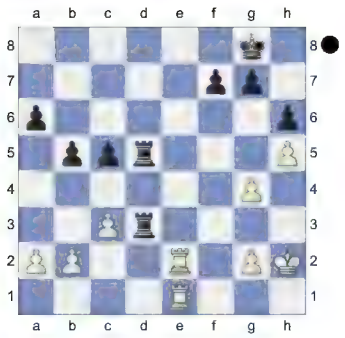


26.Ng3 0.01/22
[26.g3± 1.14/21]
26...Bxg3 0.37/23
[26...Rd3= 0.01/22 27.Re3 Rxe3 28.Qxe3 Re8]
27.Qxg3
[27.fxg3 feels hotter. Kh8 28.Re7 Rd7 29.R7e6]
27...Qxg3 28.fxg3 c5 29.Bc2 -0.30/21
[⌓29.g4 0.09/19]
29...Bxc2= 30.Rxc2 Endgame KRR-KRR **30...Rd3**

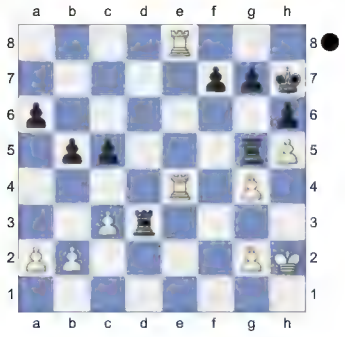


31.Kh2 -0.63/21
[31.Re5= -0.20/20 deserves consideration.]
31...Rfd8 -0.21/19
[31...Rd5!∓ -0.63/21 32.g4 Rg5]
32.Rce2 R8d5 33.g4 -0.84/23
[33.Re8+= -0.27/23 keeps the balance. Kh7 34.R1e5]

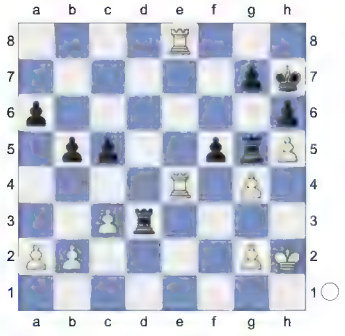
(Diagram)



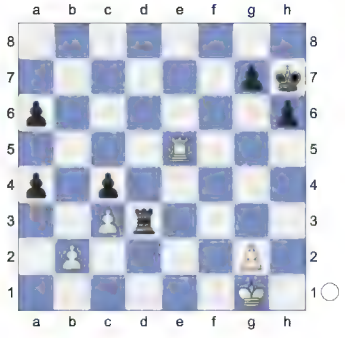
33...Rg5!∓ 34.Re8+ Kh7 35.R1e4



f5!

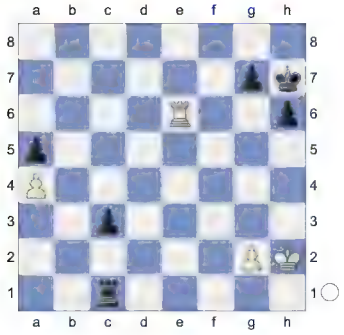


36.gxf5 aiming for g4. **36...Rxh5+ 37.Kg1 Rxf5 38.R8e5 Rxe5** &Nero is more active. **39.Rxe5** KR-KR **39...c4 40.a4 bxa4**

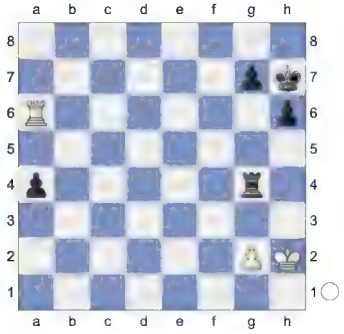


41.Re4? -2.81/24 This move loses the

game for White.
[41.Ra5∓ -0.51/24]
41...a3-+ 42.bxa3 Rxc3 43.a4 -3.64/23
[⌓43.Kf2 -2.59/22]
43...Rc1+ 44.Kh2 -5.52/24
[⌓44.Kf2 -3.85/25 c3 45.Rc4]
44...c3 45.Re6 a5

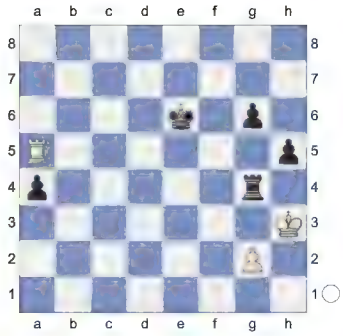


46.Re5 -7.97/27
[⌓46.Rd6 -5.11/29 Ra1 47.Rc6]
46...c2 47.Rc5 Ra1 -2.61/23
[⌓47...Kg6 -6.31/24 48.Kg3 h5]
48.Rxc2 Rxa4 49.Rc6 Rg4 50.Ra6 a4

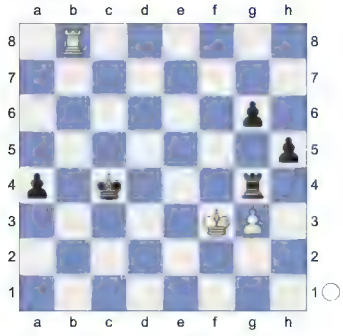


51.Kh3 h5 52.Ra5 g6 53.Ra6 Kg7 54.Ra7+ Kf6 Hoping for ...Ke6. **55.Ra5** -5.47/25
[⌓55.Rd7 -3.84/27]
55...Ke6

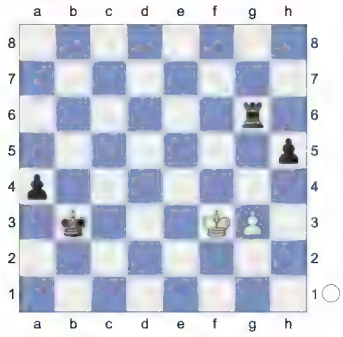
(Diagram)



56.g3 Kd6 57.Kg2 Kc6 58.Kf3 Kb6 59.Ra8 Kb5 And now ...Kb4 would win.
60.Rb8+ Kc4



61.Rc8+ Kb3 62.Rb8+ Rb4 63.Rg8 Rb6 64.Rxg6 Rxg6



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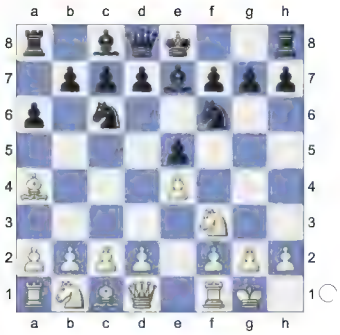
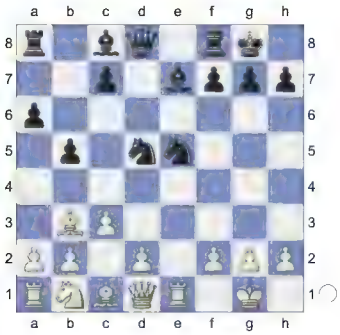
138 **C89**
□ **Voat** **2702**
■ **Karl0Choa** **2789**
Blitz 02.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

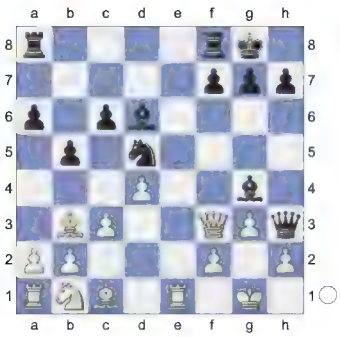
Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



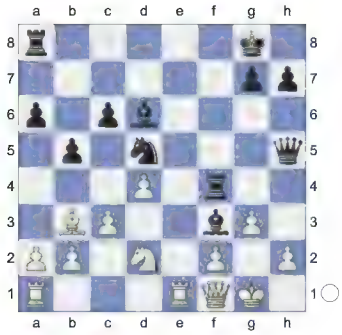
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



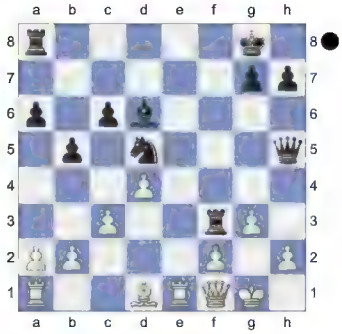
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qf3 Bg4



16.Qg2 Qh5 17.Be3 -0.12/19
[17.Bxd5∓ -0.54/20 was preferrable. cxd5 18.h4]
17...Bf3 18.Qf1 f5 0.45/20
[18...Nxe3 19.fxe3 c5 20.Nd2±]
[18...Rae8!= 0.01/16 feels stronger. 19.Nd2 Bg4]
19.Nd2± White is slightly better. **19...f4**
20.Bxf4 Rxf4
[20...Bxf4? 21.Nxf3 Bxg3 22.hxg3+- *(22.fxg3 Rxf3 23.Qe2 Qf7+-)*]



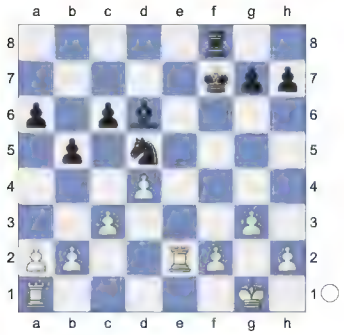
21.Nxf3
[21.Bxd5+? Bxd5 22.f3 Rff8-+]
21...Rxf3
[21...Qxf3? 22.Bd1 Qxf2+ 23.Qxf2+-]
22.Bd1



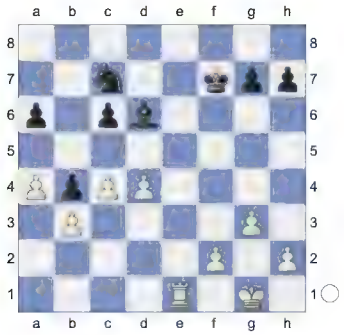
Threatens to win with Qe2. **22...Raf8** 0.80/20
[22...Qf7± 0.42/21]
23.Bxf3N 0.27/23
[23.Qg2± 0.80/20 Qg4 24.Bxf3 Rxf3 White's Options at Move 15-N,N Old-fashioned but maybe critical? Total Marshall Surveys [Survey: Tim

Harding] 25.h3 Qf5 26.Re8+ Kf7 27.Rae1 Qd3 28.R8e3 Rxe3 29.fxe3 Nf6 30.g4 Ne4 31.Qf1+ Qxf1+ 32.Rxf1+ Ke6 33.Rc1 Kd5 34.Kg2 c5 35.a4 Nd2 36.axb5 axb5 37.Ra1 Nc4 38.Kf3 cxd4 39.cxd4 Nxb2 Cornejo,D-Chapter Bg5 BRD 32/98 1999 ZUS C73 [John Watson] ½-½ (54)]

23...Qxf3= 24.Qe2 Qxe2 25.Rxe2 Kf7



26.a4 b4 27.c4 Nf6 28.Rae1 Re8 29.Rxe8 Nxe8 30.b3 Nc7



31.Kg2 Ne6 32.d5 cxd5 33.cxd5 Nc5 34.Re3 -0.49/21

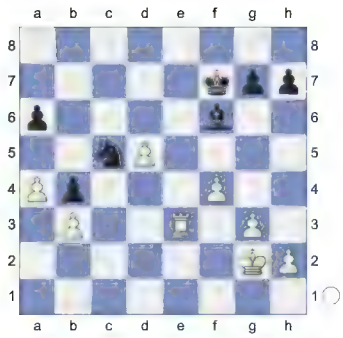
[34.f4= -0.01/21]

34...Be7 0.01/22

[34...g5!∓ -0.49/21]

35.f4 Bf6

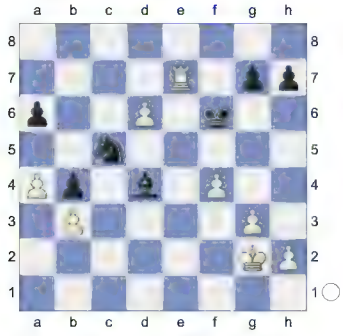
(Diagram)



36.d6! Bd4 2.02/22

[36...Nb7± 0.75/21]

37.Re7++- Kf6



38.Rc7?? -3.00/23

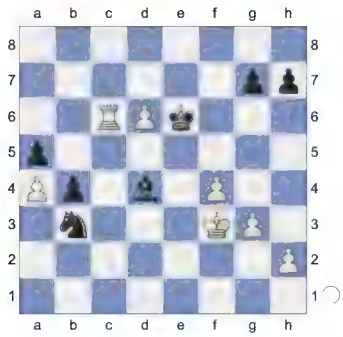
[38.g4!+- 2.63/21 was the only winning move.]

38...Ke6 39.Rc6 -4.72/24

[39.d7 -2.19/22 was necessary. Ke7 40.Ra7]

39...a5 40.Kf3 Nxb3? -0.01/22

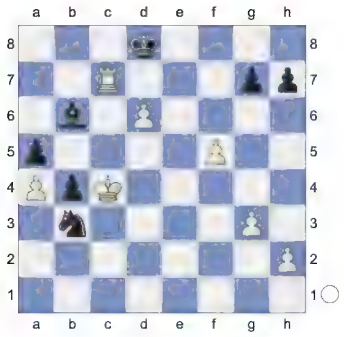
[Black should try 40...Kd7-+ -2.77/20 41.Rb6 *(41.Rc7+? Kxd6 42.Rc8 Nxb3-+)* 41...Nxb3]



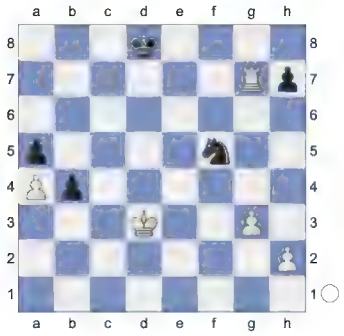
41.Ke4= Black must now prevent f5+.

41...Bc5? 3.77/23

[41...Bf6= 0.01/22]
42.f5++- Kd7 43.Kd5 White is clearly winning. **43...Bd4** 7.81/23
[⌓43...Ke8 4.78/20 44.Kc4 *(44.Rxc5? Nxc5 45.Kd4 Nxa4-+)* 44...Kd7]
44.Rc7+ Kd8 45.Kc4 Bb6



46.Rb7
[46.Kxb3 Bxc7 47.Kc4 *(47.dxc7+? Kxc7 48.Kc4 Kd6-+)* 47...Bxd6-+]
46...Nd2+ 47.Kd3 Be3 48.Kxe3 Nc4+ 49.Kd3 Nxd6 50.Rxg7 Nxf5



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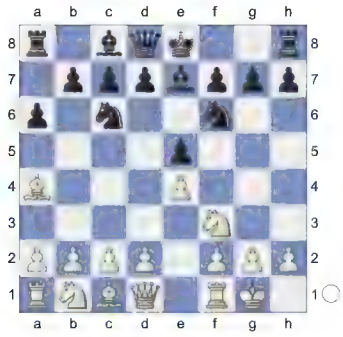
139 **C89**
□ **Nakigraw** **2811**
■ **Karl0Choa** **2747**
Blitz 31.10.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



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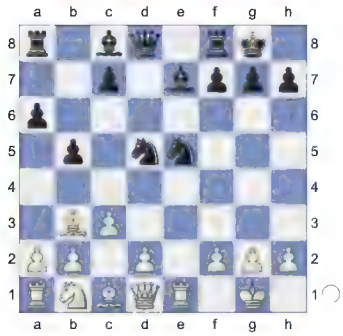
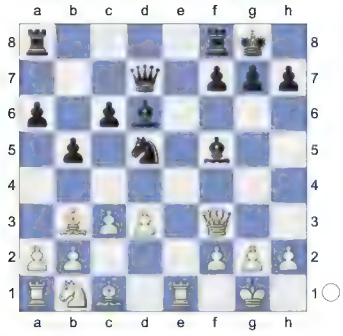


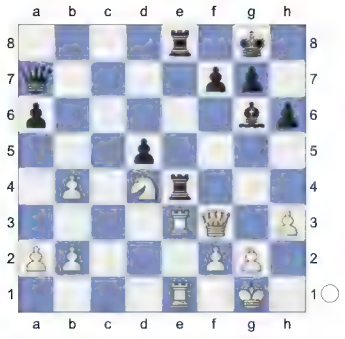
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qd7



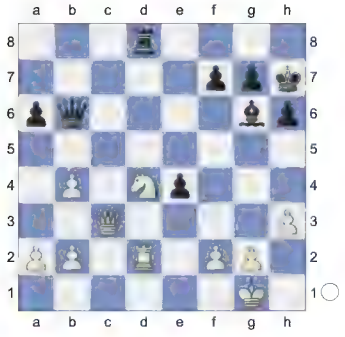
aiming for ...Bg4. **15.Bxd5 cxd5**

16.Bf4! Black must now prevent Bxd6.
16...Bxf4 White has an edge. **17.Qxf4 Bxd3**
[17...d4 18.cxd4 Rac8 19.Nc3 Bxd3 20.d5 Rc4 21.Qd2 Bf5 22.d6 Be6 23.Nd5 Qb7 24.b3 Rc5 25.Ne7+ Kh8 26.Rac1 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 h6 28.h3 Rd8 29.Rc6 b4 30.Qd4 a5 31.Qc5 a4 32.bxa4 Karthikeyan,M (2624)-Brunello,S (2514) Hoogeveen 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (39)]
18.Nd2 Rfe8 19.Nf3N
[19.Nb3 Qc6 *(19...Qf5 20.Qd2 Qg6 21.Nd4 h5 22.h4 Be4 23.f3 Bf5 24.Kf2 Bd7 25.Qf4 b4 26.cxb4 Qb6 27.Qd2 Reb8 28.a3 a5 29.b3 axb4 30.a4 Rc8 31.Rec1 Re8 32.Qf4 Re7 33.Re1 Rae8 34.Rxe7* Madaminov,M (2484)-Aradhya,G (2344) Doha 2023 Mega2024 Update 01 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (68)*)* 20.Qd2 Bg6 21.Nd4 Qd6 22.h3 h6 23.Re2 Re4 24.Rae1 Rae8 Louvrier Saint Mary,J (2654)-Jud,M (2588) Fusagasuga 2003 Telechess CBM 89 [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001]]
19...Be4 20.Nd4 h6

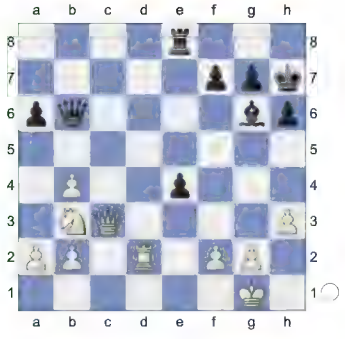
21.Re3 Bg6 22.Rae1 -0.24/21
[22.Rxe8+ 0.11/20 might be stronger. Rxe8 23.h3]
22...Re4= 23.Qf3 Rae8 -0.17/21
[23...b4∓ -0.57/21]
24.h3 b4 25.cxb4 Qa7 0.69/21
[25...Rb8= 0.12/21 26.Rxe4 dxe4]



26.Rxe4± &Bianco is more active.
26...dxe4 27.Qc3 Qb6 1.06/20
[⌓27...Qd7 0.75/20]
28.Rd1 Rd8 29.Rd2 Kh7

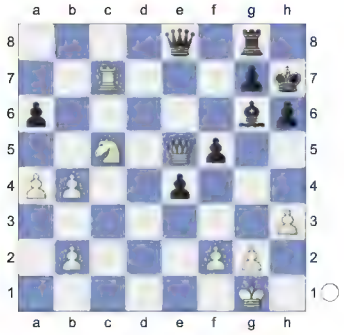


30.Nb3 0.01/21
[White should try 30.a4!± 0.81/21]
30...Re8 1.19/22
[30...Rd3= 0.01/21 keeps the balance. 31.Rxd3 exd3]

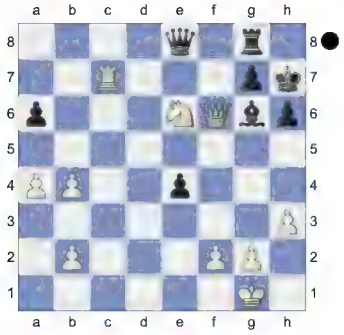


31.Nc5→ White attacks with force.
31...f5? 3.82/22 This move loses the game for Black.
[31...Bh5± 1.23/20 was called for. 32.Rd7 Qg6]

32.Rd7+- Rg8 33.Qe5 Qc6 10.53/21
[33...Be8 3.51/20 34.Qxf5+ Kh8]
34.Rc7 White is clearly winning.
34...Qb5 35.a4 Qe8



36.Ne6 Bf7 37.Qxf5+ Bg6 38.Qf6



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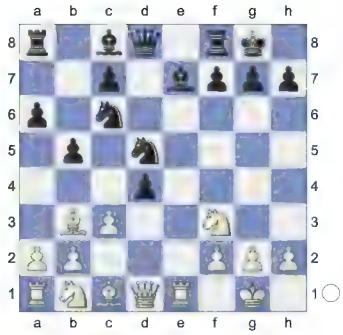
140 **C89**
□ **Zhaochenxi** **2790**
■ **Lovenewuniverse** **2786**
Blitz 30.10.2021
[Kitty Kat]

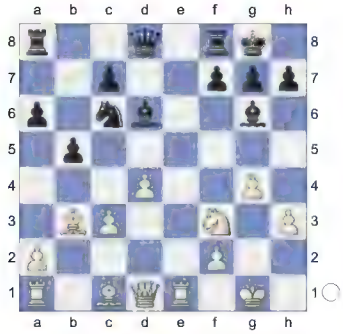
Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.d4 exd4



11.cxd4 Bg4 12.Nc3 Nxc3 0.21/21
[⌓12...Nf6 -0.15/18]
13.bxc3= The position is equal. **13...Bd6** 0.61/19
[13...Bh5= 0.29/17]
14.h3± Bh5 15.g4! Bg6



16.Kg2N -0.26/20
[White should play 16.Bg5± 0.56/20 Qd7 *(16...Be7 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Ne5 Kh8 19.f4 f6 20.Nxg6+ Nxg6 21.f5 Qd6 22.Qf3 Nf4 23.Re4 g5 24.fxg6 Nxg6 25.Re6 Qd8 26.Rf1 f5 27.gxf5 Nh4 28.Qe3 Rxf5 29.Rxf5 Qg8+ 30.Kf2 Qg2+ 31.Ke1*

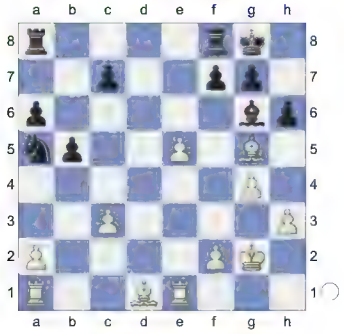
Helmsen,F (2631)-Green,V (2477) Montilla 2015 Telechess CBM 89 [Sinka] 1-0 (34) *Nxf5 32.Re8+ Kg7 33.Qe5+ Kg6 34.Qe6+* Chapter C50-Games Game 14 (34)) 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Qxd1 19.Raxd1]

16...Na5 17.Bg5 Qd7 0.26/21
[⌓17...Qc8 -0.30/20]

18.Ne5↑ White has good play. **18...Bxe5 19.dxe5**
[Don't play 19.Rxe5 Nxb3 20.Qxb3 Rae8∓]

19...Qxd1 20.Bxd1
[But not 20.Raxd1 Nxb3 21.axb3 Bc2∓]

20...h6 0.97/22
[20...Nc4!± 0.50/19 deserves consideration.]



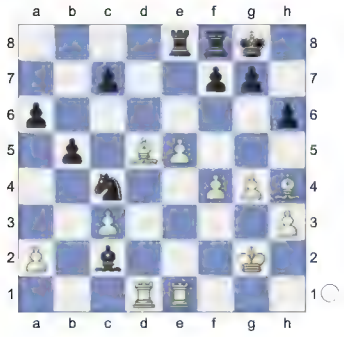
21.Bh4± Nc4 1.45/19
[⌓21...Bd3 1.01/19]

22.f4! Bd3 23.Bf3 Rae8 24.Bc6 1.64/20
[24.Rad1± 1.27/23 g5 25.Rxd3 *(25.fxg5 hxg5 26.Bxg5 Nxe5±)* 25...gxh4 26.Bb7]

24...Re6+- 25.Bd5 A strong pair of Bishops. **25...Ree8**

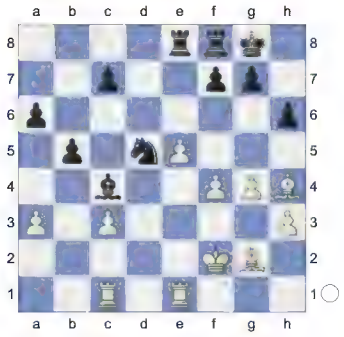
(Diagram)

26.Rad1 Bc2



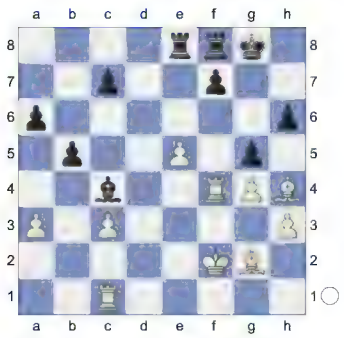
27.Rc1 Bd3 28.Kf2 0.36/21
[28.Bc6± 1.28/21]

28...Nb6 29.Bg2 &Bianco is more active. **29...Bc4 30.a3 Nd5**

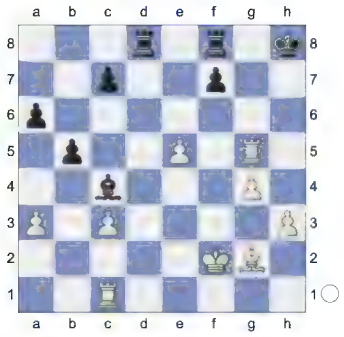


31.Re4 Threatens to win with Rxc4!

31...Nxf4? 2.18/22 **32.Rxf4 g5**



33.Bxg5 0.72/22 **hxg5± 34.Rf5 Rd8 35.Rxg5+ Kh8!**



36.Ke3 Prevents Rd2. **36...Rd3+ 37.Kf4** And now Bf1 would win. **37...Rfd8?** 2.10/22

[37...Rd2!= 0.22/21]

38.Be4? 0.49/20

[38.Bf1+- 2.10/22]

38...Rxh3± 39.Rh5+ Rxh5 40.gxh5 Endgame KRB-KRB **40...Rd2**

41.h6 Bd3? 4.67/23 Black is now going downhill.

[Better is 41...c5± 0.58/20]

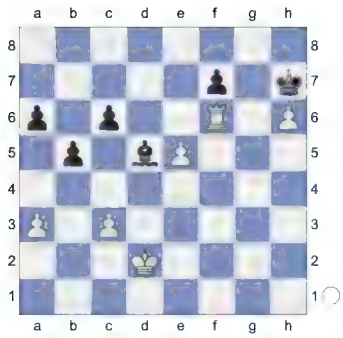
42.Ke3!+- Bxe4 43.Kxd2 KR-KB **43...Bd5 44.Rf1** 2.77/26

[⌓44.Ke3 4.74/26]

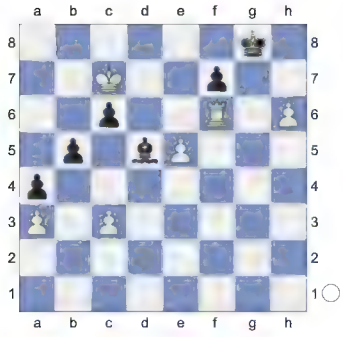
44...Kh7 45.Rf6 Hoping for Ke3. **45...c6?** 8.61/26

[45...Be6 3.09/24 46.Ke3 c5]

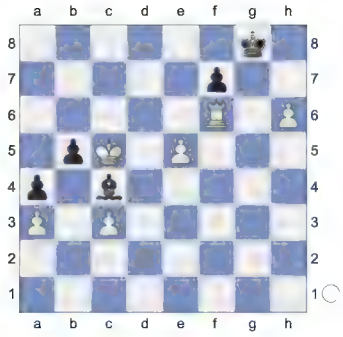
(Diagram)



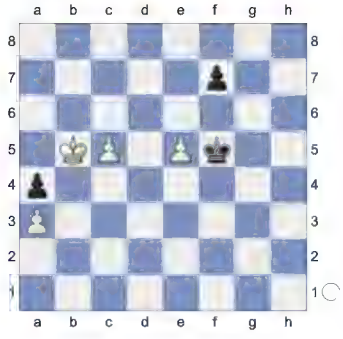
46.Ke3 a5 47.Kd4 a4 48.Kc5 Kg8 49.Kd6 Kh7 50.Kc7 Kg8



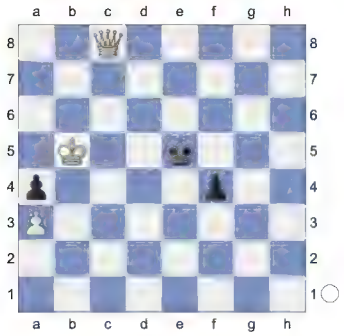
51.Rxc6 Be4 52.Rf6 Bd3 53.Kd7 Bc4 54.Kc6 Kh7 55.Kc5 Kg8



56.Rb6 Kh7 57.Rxb5 Bxb5 58.Kxb5 White mates. **58...Kxh6** K3P-KPP **59.c4 Kg6 60.c5 Kf5**



61.c6 Kxe5 62.c7 f5 63.c8Q f4



Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.58
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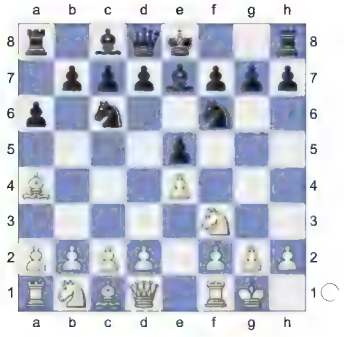
141 **C89**
☐ **Saric,Ivan** **2644**
■ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2710**
FIDE Grand Swiss (2) 28.10.2021
[Saric,Ivan]

Saric,Ivan, MH: 'C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack '**1.e4** Saric,Ivan, MH Saric, Ivan **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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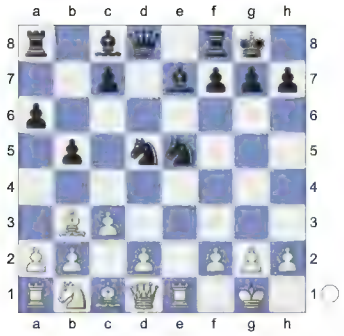
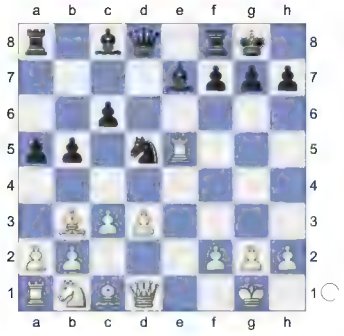


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 a5!?



Quite an interesting idea with only two games in the database. The common move is ♗d6, attacking the rook and eyeing the h2-pawn, but after a5 Black chooses a different strategy to keep compensation. He gains space on the queenside, frees the a6-square for his rook which can later join the attack if White takes on d5. Also, Black is flexible about his bishop on e7 which is best seen in the event of 13.a4 b4, when ♗f6 already is a serious threat. [#]
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13.Re1 After 12...a5 I was in unknown territory, and 13. ♖e1 seemed logical, a must move for White, postponing my decision about what to do with the light-squared bishop. After 12...a5 I was in unknown territory, and 13. ♖e1 seemed logical, a must move for White, postponing my decision about what to do with the light-squared bishop.

[13.Bxd5 When White takes on d5 he gains some time, but also gives Black easy play. When White takes on d5 he gains some time, but also gives Black easy play. cxd5 14.Bf4 Bf6 15.Re1 d4 Usually, this is a success for Black, both bishops are now open. Usually, this is a success for Black, both bishops are now open. 16.Be5 Bxe5 17.Rxe5 Ra6! 18.a4 Saric,Ivan, MH: '!' Rg6 was played in Holroyd - Sasikiran, email 2018. Black had a good compensation for the pawn(s). was played in Holroyd - Sasikiran, email 2018. Black had a good compensation for the pawn(s).]

13...a4 14.Bc2 Saric,Ivan, MH: 'White is slightly better.' In the end this wasn't a difficult decision, since I realised that taking on d5 gives Black tremendous counterplay. In the end this wasn't a difficult decision, since I realised that taking on d5 gives Black tremendous counterplay.

[14.Bxd5 cxd5 15.Be3 White needs to stop d4 first, thus giving Black enough time to include his rook into the attack. White needs to stop d4 first, thus giving Black enough time to include his rook into the attack. Ra6 Position is equal according to the computers but I would rather prefer Black. Position is equal according to the computers but I would rather prefer Black.]

14...Bf5 15.a3 Before playing ♘d2, ...a3 should be prevented. Before playing ♘ d2, ...a3 should be prevented.

15...Re8?!

[15...Qd7! was neccessary. was neccessary. 16.Nd2 Rae8 *(16...Bg4 Saric,Ivan, MH 17.f3 Be6 18.Nf1 Rae8 19.d4 Bd6 20.Bg5 f5 21.Bh4 Kh8 22.Qd2 Rg8 23.Bf2 g5 24.Ne3 Ref8 25.c4 Nxe3 26.Bxe3 bxc4 27.Bxg5 Bd5 28.h4 Rf7 29.Qf2 Rg6 30.Qd2 Bg3 31.Kf1 ½-½* Emelyanov, M (2532)-Sasikiran,K (2550) corr 2019 USA - A (USA) *Rfg7 32.Qe3 Re6 33.Qd2 Reg6 34.Qe3 Re6 35.Qd2 Reg6* 0-1 Emery,S (2029)-Joie,S (2353) Bern op 2023 (3)*)* 17.Ne4 Bg4! Provoking f3, which weakens the g1-a7 diagonal and also stops the white queen from reaching the f3-square. Provoking f3, which weakens the g1-a7 diagonal and also stops the white queen from reaching the f3-square. 18.f3 Bh5 Black's next move is f5, and he has enough compensation. Black's next move is f5, and he has enough compensation.]

Saric,Ivan, MH: 'N' The critical moment for Black. Although it is very logical to place rooks on e8 and d8 with the white pawn on d3, Black should have opted for classical Marshall style setup with

rooks on e8 and f8, followed by the f5 plan. The critical moment for Black. Although it is very logical to place rooks on e8 and d8 with the white pawn on d3, Black should have opted for classical Marshall style setup with rooks on e8 and f8, followed by the f5 plan. **16.Nd2 Bg6 17.Ne4** If Black doesn't do anything, the next moves are ♗d2 and ♕f3. Once White connects the rooks, it is just an extra pawn for White. If Black doesn't do anything, the next moves are ♗d2 and ♕f3. Once White connects the rooks, it is just an extra pawn for White. **17...f5 18.Ng3 Bd6** 1.30/21

[18...f4± 0.51/19 Saric,Ivan, MH 19.Ne4 Bg5]

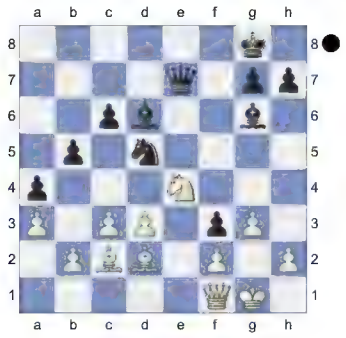
19.Rxe8+ Saric,Ivan, MH: ' ±' **19...Qxe8 20.Bd2** Saric,Ivan, MH: '!' **20...Ra7** 1.34/20

[⌓20...f4 0.86/18 Saric,Ivan, MH]

21.Qf1 Safe option, with idea of trading rooks and queens. However, 21.c4 was stronger with d4 next, opening up the white bishops. Safe option, with idea of trading rooks and queens. However, 21.c4 was stronger with d4 next, opening up the white bishops. **21...Re7 22.Re1 f4?!** This gives White an outpost on e4. This gives White an outpost on e4.

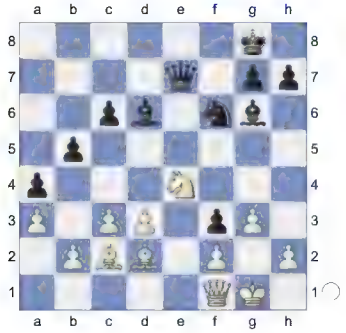
[Best chance for Black was Best chance for Black was 22...Rxe1 23.Qxe1 Qxe1+ 24.Bxe1 f4! 25.Ne4 Bxe4 Saric,Ivan, MH: '!' 26.dxe4 Nb6 27.Bd3 Stopping ♘c4. Stopping ♘c4. g5 and Black might hold this endgame. and Black might hold this endgame.]

23.Rxe7 Qxe7 24.Ne4 f3 25.g3!



Restricting Black's pieces, and preparing to attack the pawn on f3. [#] Restricting Black's pieces, and preparing to attack the pawn on f3. **25...Nf6** 1.81/23

[25...Nb6± 1.45/20 Saric,Ivan, MH 26.Be3 Nd5]



26.Bg5 0.83/22

[26.Ng5! 1.81/23 Saric,Ivan, MH: '+-' Saric,Ivan, MH: ' and White stays clearly on top.' was even stronger, Black must play was even stronger, Black must play Qe2 27.Qxe2 fxe2 28.Kg2 Nd5 29.Nf3 1.47/23 The pawn on e2 can never become queen, and White has too many pieces around it. Soon, White will pick up the pawn, and with 2 pawns up, it is an easy win. The pawn on e2 can never become queen, and White has

too many pieces around it. Soon, White will pick up the pawn, and with 2 pawns up, it is an easy win. *(29.Ne4+- 1.96/21 Saric,Ivan, MH Bc7 30.Kf3 Bh5+ 31.g4)*]

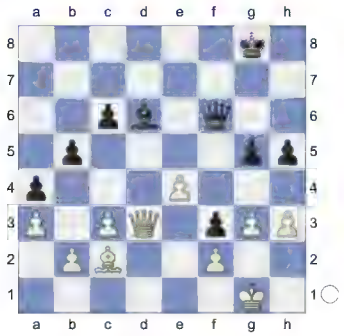
26...Bxe4 1.51/21

[⌓26...Qe6 0.83/22 Saric,Ivan, MH]

27.dxe4 Saric,Ivan, MH: ' Hoping for Qf1-d3.' **27...h6 28.Bxf6 Qxf6** Saric,Ivan, MH: 'Endgame. KQB-KQB' The opposite coloured bishops give some small hope to Black, but with precise play White should win this endgame. The opposite coloured bishops give some small hope to Black, but with precise play White should win this endgame. **29.Qd3 g5 30.h3** 1.02/23 Preparing Bd1. Preparing Bd1.

[30.e5 1.63/23 Saric,Ivan, MH: '+-' Bxe5 31.Qd7! 1.34/23 was stronger according the engines, not an easy thing to spot. was stronger according the engines, not an easy thing to spot. *(*White should try *31.Qe4+-* 1.75/24 Saric,Ivan, MH *)*]

30...h5 Saric,Ivan, MH: '



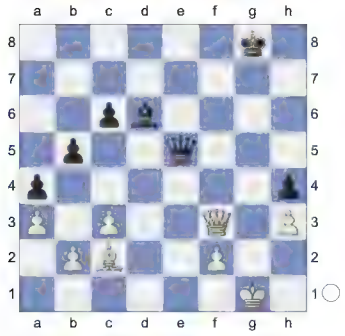
' **31.e5** Saric,Ivan, MH: '!' Saric,Ivan, MH: ' Deflection' Now, it is time to open up the diagonal. Now, it is time to open up the diagonal. **31...Qxe5** In the event of 31...♗xe5 White picks up the h5 pawn, after 32. ♕h7+. In the event of 31... ♗xe5 White picks up the h5 pawn, after 32. ♕h7+. **32.Qxf3 h4** Black is hoping for material reduction. Black is hoping for material reduction. **33.gxh4** 0.79/26

[33.Qxc6 Saric,Ivan, MH hxg3 34.Kf1 gxf2 35.Qa8+ *(35.Kxf2 Qg3+ 36.Ke2 Qh2+ 37.Kd1 Qg1+ 38.Ke2 Qh2+ 39.Kf1 Qf4+ 40.Ke2 Qh2+=)* 35...Kg7 36.Qa7+ Bc7 37.Qxf2 Qd5=]

[⌓33.g4 1.17/23 Saric,Ivan, MH]

33...gxh4 1.24/23 Saric,Ivan, MH: '

[Black should play 33...Qf4 0.79/26 Saric,Ivan, MH 34.Be4 *(34.Qxc6 Qh2+ 35.Kf1 Qxh3+ 36.Ke2 Qg4+ 37.Qf3 Qe6+ 38.Kd1 gxh4±)* 34...c5 35.Qxf4 Bxf4]



' **34.Be4** 0.76/23

[Resist 34.Qxc6 Saric,Ivan, MH Qh2+ 35.Kf1 Qxh3+ 36.Qg2+ Qxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Bf4±]

[⌓34.Kf1! 1.24/23 Saric,Ivan, MH]

34...Qg5+

[34...c5 35.Qg4+ Qg7 36.Bc6 b4 0.90/31 *(36...Qxg4+± 0.48/28* Saric,Ivan, MH *37.hxg4 Bf4)* 37.axb4 cxb4 38.cxb4 Bxb4 39.Bxa4 Qxg4+ 40.hxg4 should be winning for White. should be winning for White.]

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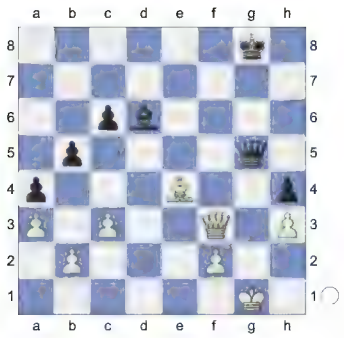
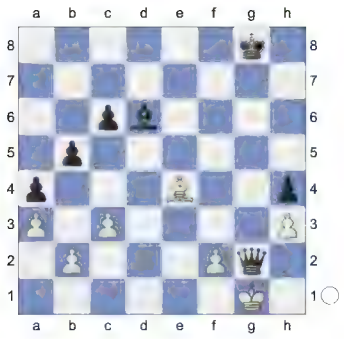


[#] **35.Qg2!** Simplifying and entering into the won endgame. Simplifying and entering into the won endgame.

[35.Qg4! 0.55/27 Saric,Ivan, MH: '35. Qf3-g2 1.04' was also good, but I didn't like the idea of giving Black a passed pawn. was also good, but I didn't like the idea of giving Black a passed pawn.]

[35.Kh1 (Saric,Ivan, MH) keeps more tension. Qc1+ 36.Kg2 Qg5+ 37.Qg4]

35...Qxg2+



36.Kxg2 Saric,Ivan, MH: ' KB-KB' **36...c5 37.Bc6 b4**

[Black can take white pawns, but this gives White an outside passer. Black can take white pawns, but this gives White an outside passer. 37...Bf4 1.69/28 Saric,Ivan, MH: '37...b5-b4 0. 88' 38.Bxb5 Bc1 2.49/30 *(38...c4* 1.96/29 (Saric,Ivan, MH) might work better. *39.Bxc4+ Kf8)* 39.Bxa4 Saric,Ivan, MH: '+-' Saric,Ivan, MH: ' Ba4-b3+ is the strong threat.' Bxb2 40.Bb3+ Kg7 3.94/31 Saric,Ivan, MH: '?' *(40...Kf8* 2.33/34 (Saric,Ivan, MH) keeps fighting. *41.a4 Bxc3)* 41.a4 Saric,Ivan, MH: '+-' Saric,Ivan, MH: ' And now a4-a5 would win.' Bxc3 42.Kf3 The pawn on c5 is irrelevant, and with two passers White will easily win this endgame. The pawn on c5 is irrelevant, and with two passers White will easily win this endgame.]

38.axb4

[38.Bxa4 Saric,Ivan, MH bxc3 39.Bb3+ *(39.bxc3 Kf7±)* 39...Kg7]

38...cxb4 39.cxb4

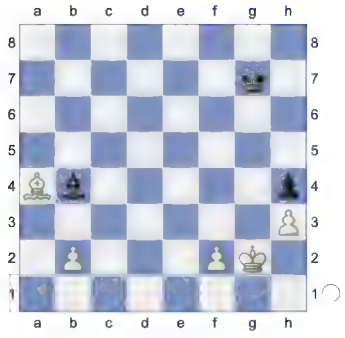
[39.Bxa4 Saric,Ivan, MH bxc3 40.bxc3 Kf7±]

39...Bxb4 3.67/34

[39...Bc7 2.19/31 (Saric,Ivan, MH) was worth a try. 40.Bxa4 Kf7]

40.Bxa4 Saric,Ivan, MH: '+-' Without pawns on h4 and h3 White is also winning, but their existance can only help the stronger side. Without pawns on h4 and h3 White is also winning, but their existance can only help the stronger side. **40...Kg7** 5.51/34

[40...Kf7± 1.49/35 Saric,Ivan, MH 41.Kf3 Bc5]

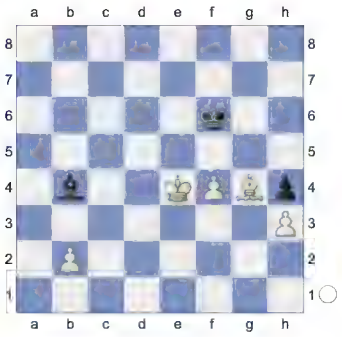


Saric,Ivan, MH: '?' Saric,Ivan, MH: ' Black cannot hold the game after this.'

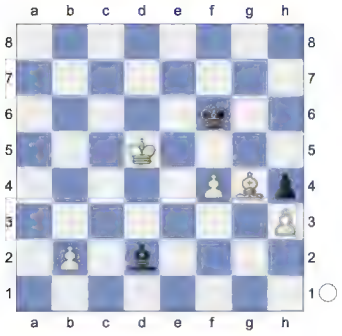
41.f4 Bd6 7.87/31

[⌓41...Kf7 4.19/32 Saric,Ivan, MH 42.Bb3+ Ke7]

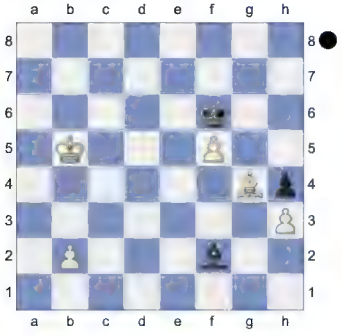
42.Kf3 Kf6 43.Ke4 Saric,Ivan, MH: ' Black must now prevent Ba4-d1.' **43...Bb4** 8.29/34 Saric,Ivan, MH: '?'
[43...Bf8 3.14/29 Saric,Ivan, MH 44.Kf3 Ke6]
44.Bd7 Saric,Ivan, MH: 'White is clearly winning.' **44...Bd6 45.Bg4 Bb4**



46.Kd5 Bd2 Saric,Ivan, MH: '



' **47.f5** Saric,Ivan, MH: '!' **47...Be1 48.Kc5 Bf2+ 49.Kb5**

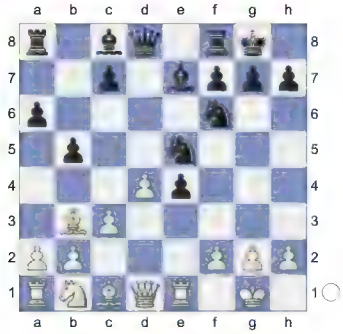


Saric,Ivan, MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.52' Black can't stop both pawns. Black can't stop both pawns.
1-0

142 **C89**
□ **Ute Manfred** **2653**
■ **Swordoftheword16** **2626**
Blitz 25.10.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Atalik,S: 'Inf 100/(257)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4
[9.exd5 keeps more tension. Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4]
9...dxe4
[9...Nxe4 with more complications. 10.dxe5 Be6 11.h3 Re8]
10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.dxe5 Qxd1 White is slightly better.
12.Bxd1 Ng4 0.97/21
[12...Nd7= 0.12/17]
13.Bc2? -1.03/21
[13.Rxe4± 0.97/21 and life is bright. Nh6 14.Nd2]
13...Nxe5 0.10/19
[13...Bc5∓ -1.03/21 14.Be3 Nxe3

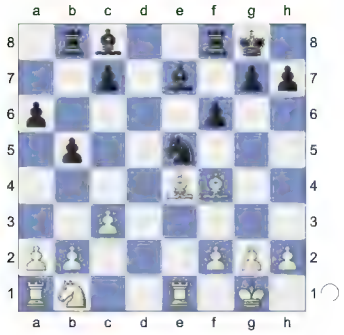
15.fxe3 Re8]

14.Bxe4= Rb8 15.Bf4 f6N

[15...Bd6 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Rxe5 Rd8

A) 19.Kf1 f6 20.Re3 *(20.Re7 Bf5 21.Ke1 Re8 13. Bc2 #13 Asti Marshall 9. d4)* 20...Rd1+ 21.Re1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Bf5 23.Na3 Re8+ 24.Kd2 Rd8+ 25.Ke3 *(25.Ke1)* 25...Re8+ Morozevich,A (2747)-Shirov,A (2720) Moscow 2006 CI1-130 [Atalik,Suat];

B) 19.f3 Rd1+ 20.Kf2 Be6 21.Re1 Rbd8 22.a4 c5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ra5 b4 25.Rxc5 Ba2 Anti Marshall D4-13. Bc2 #9]



16.Nd2 Bd6 17.Bd5+ Kh8 18.Bg3 Nd3 19.Bxd6 cxd6 20.Reb1 Bf5

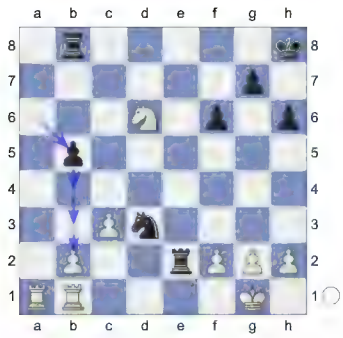
21.Be4 Bxe4 22.Nxe4 Rfe8 23.Nxd6 Re2 24.a4

[24.b4!?]

24...h6 0.37/22

[24...bxa4= -0.20/21 25.Nc4 Rbe8]

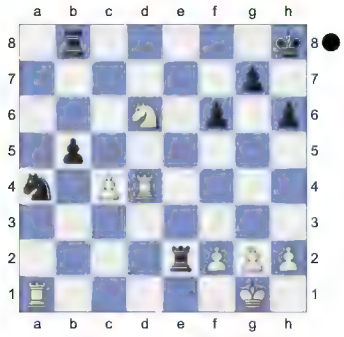
25.axb5± axb5



26.Rd1 Nxb2 27.Rd4 Na4

28.c4 -1.46/21

[White should try 28.Nxb5!= 0.17/21 Rxb5 29.Rdxa4]



28...Nc5 -0.30/21

[Better is 28...b4!∓ -1.46/21 Strongly threatening ...b3! 29.Kf1 Nc3]

29.Rb1 -0.72/24

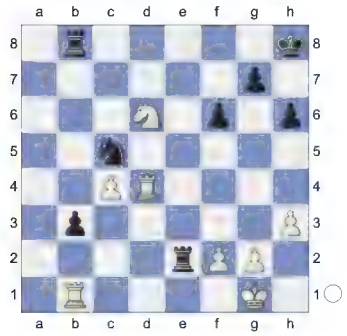
[Avoid the trap 29.cxb5? Nb3 30.Rdd1 Nxa1 31.Rxa1 Rd2-+]

[29.Rd5= -0.30/21 Nb3 30.Rad1 *(30.Rxb5? Rxb5 31.Kf1 Nxa1-+)*]

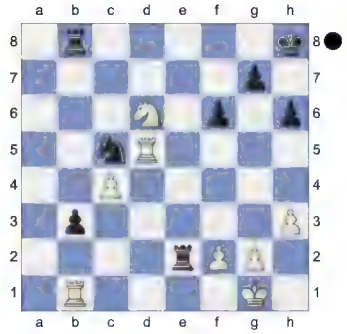
29...b4∓ 30.h3? -3.27/23

[30.Rd5∓ -1.06/22 might work better.

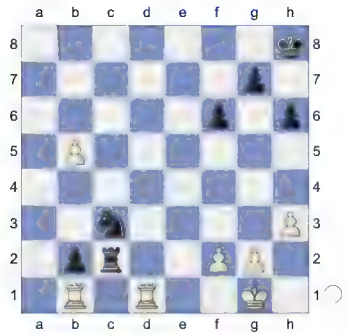
Na4 31.Rb5 Rxb5 32.Nxb5]
30...b3-+



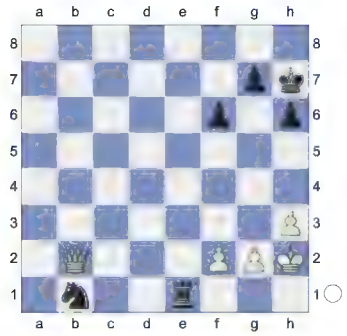
31.Rd5



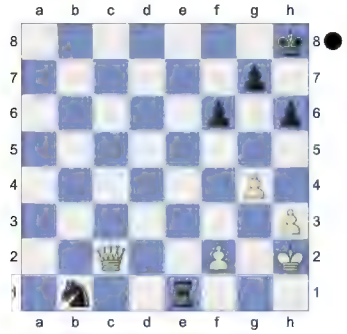
Na4 32.Rd3 -6.20/23 Prevents Nc3.
[32.Rb5 -3.48/21 Rxb5 33.Nxb5]
32...b2 33.Nb5 Rc2 34.Rdd1 Rxb5? -0.01/27 **35.cxb5** Endgame aiming for Kh2. KRR-KRN **35...Nc3?** 2.69/25
[35...Rc5= -0.01/24]



36.b6+-
[Don't go for 36.Rd8+? Kh7 37.Rxb2 Rxb2-+]
36...Nxb1? 4.68/23 KRN-KR
[36...Kh7 2.60/24]
37.b7 Rc1 38.b8Q+ Kh7 39.Qxb2 Rxd1+ 40.Kh2 And now Qc2+ would win. **40...Re1**



41.Qc2+ Kh8 42.g4



Quite a comeback for White.
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143 **C89**
□ **Izel2** **2585**
■ **Sdb2003** **2735**
Blitz 04.10.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

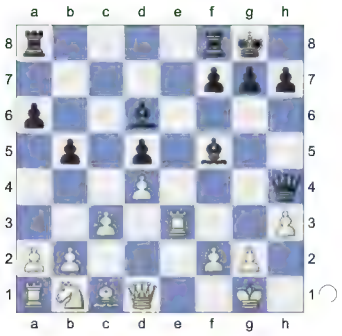
(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 c6 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re3 Qh4 15.h3 Bf5 0.48/21

[15...Qf4= 0.06/18 16.Rg3 *(16.Re5 Qf6=)* 16...Qf6]

[15...g5 16.Qf3 Be6 17.Qf6 Rae8 18.Nd2 Qf4 19.Qxf4 Bxf4 20.Re1 Bxh3 21.Nf3 Rxe1+ 22.Nxe1 Bf5 23.Bxf4 gxf4 24.Nf3 Re8 25.Re1 Rxe1+ 26.Nxe1 Be4 27.Kf1 Kg7 28.Ke2 Kf6 29.f3 Bb1 30.Nd3 De Firmian,N (2605)-Imanaliev,T (2415) Elista 1998 CI1-130 [RR] (31)]



16.Nd2!± Rfe8N

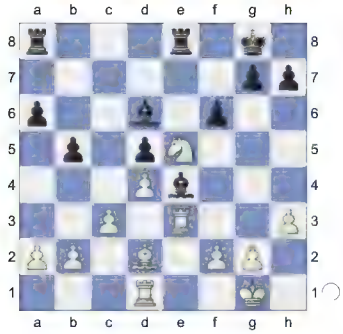
[16...Rae8 17.Nf3 Qh5 18.g4 Bxg4 19.hxg4 Qxg4+ 20.Kf1 f5 21.Qb3 f4 22.Qxd5+ Kh8 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Bd2 Qh3+ 25.Kg1 Qg4+ 26.Kh2 Qg6 27.Re1 Qh6+ 28.Kg2 Qg6+ 29.Qg5 1-0 (29) Gadzhiev,R (2107)-Smirnov,P (2482) Sochi 2024 Mega2024 Update 51 [Kitty Kat]]

17.Nf3 Qh5 White is slightly better.

18.Bd2 0.40/20

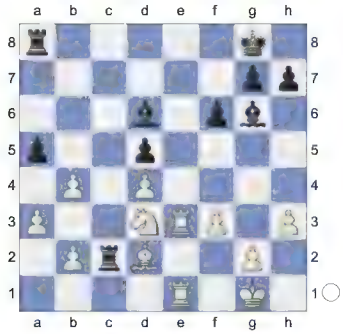
[18.g4± 0.73/22 Bxg4 19.hxg4 Qxg4+ 20.Kf1]

18...Be4 19.Ne5! Qxd1+ 20.Rxd1 f6



21.Nd3 a5 22.Rde1 Rec8 Against Nc5

23.f3 Bg6 24.a3 b4 25.cxb4 Rc2

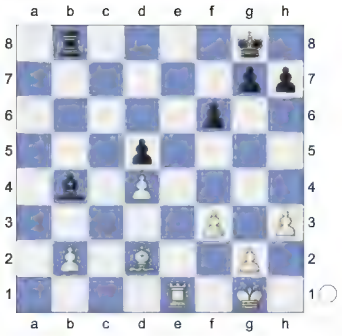


26.Bc3 Bxd3 27.Rxd3 axb4 28.axb4

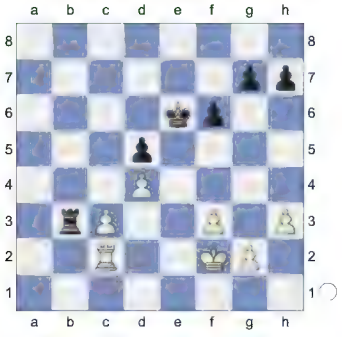
[Of course not 28.Bxb4 Bxb4 29.axb4 Rxb2=]

28...Rb8! 29.Rd2 Rxd2 30.Bxd2 Bxb4

(Diagram)

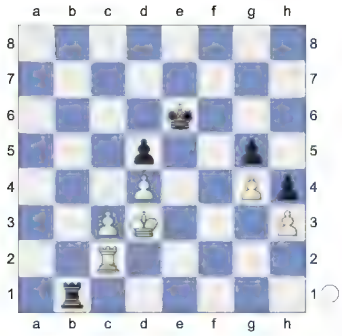


Endgame KRB-KRB **31.Bc3 Kf7 32.Kf2 Bxc3 33.bxc3** KR-KR **33...Rb2+ 34.Re2 Rb3 35.Rc2 Ke6** 0.95/23
[35...h5± 0.59/21 is more appropriate.]

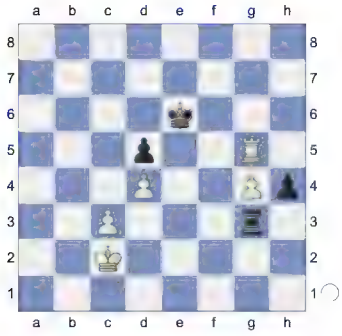


36.Ke3 0.38/21
[36.g4± 0.95/23]
36...g5 0.97/19
[36...h5± 0.38/21]
37.f4 0.61/23
[37.g4± 0.97/19]
37...h5 38.g4 0.22/24
[38.fxg5± 0.65/24 fxg5 39.Kd3]
38...h4= 39.fxg5 0.01/23
[39.Kd3± 0.36/22]
39...fxg5 40.Kd3 Rb1!

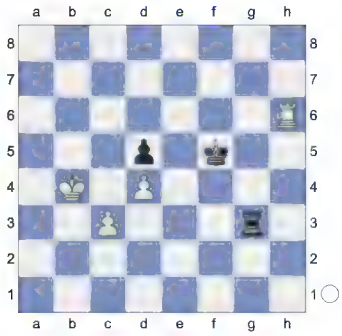
(Diagram)



41.Re2+ Kf6 42.Rf2+ Ke6 0.52/25
[Better is 42...Kg6= 0.01/27]
43.Rf5 0.09/25
[43.Kc2!± 0.52/25 Rh1 44.Rf3]
43...Rh1! 44.Rxg5 Rxh3+ 45.Kc2 Rg3 0.51/26
[45...Rh1= 0.01/25]

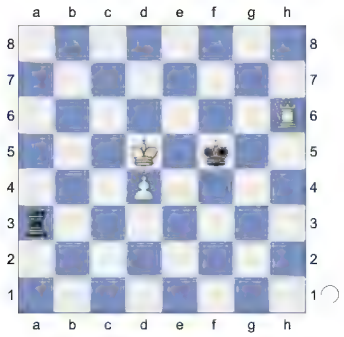


46.Kb3± h3 47.Kb4 h2 48.Rh5 Rxg4
[Less strong is 48...Rg2 49.Rh6+ *(49.Kc5 Rxg4 50.Rxh2 Rg3±)* 49...Kf7 50.Kc5±]
49.Rxh2 Rg3 50.Rh6+ Kf5? 7.91/26
[50...Kd7± 0.47/28]

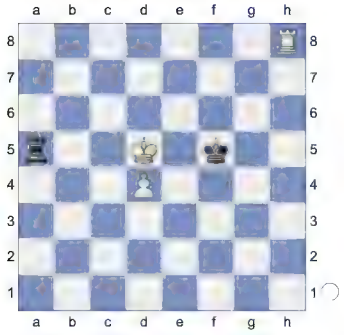


51.Rh5+? 0.60/24

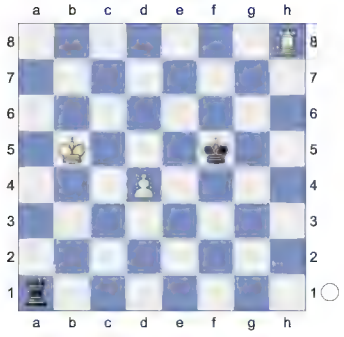
[51.c4+- 7.91/26 dxc4 52.Kxc4]
51...Ke6 52.Rh6+ 0.01/23
[52.Rh8± 0.62/26]
52...Kf5!= 53.Kc5 c4 is the strong threat. **53...Rxc3+ 54.Kxd5 Ra3**



55.Rh8! And now Kd6 would win.
55...Ra5+



56.Kc6 Rh5+ would kill now. **56...Ra6+ 57.Kb5 Ra1**



58.Re8! Kf6 59.d5 Kf7 60.Re2 Rc1

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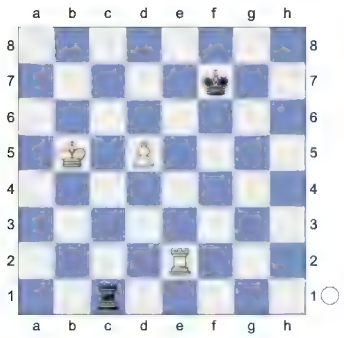
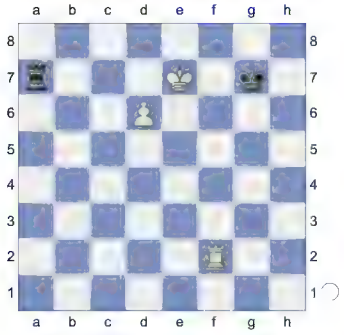
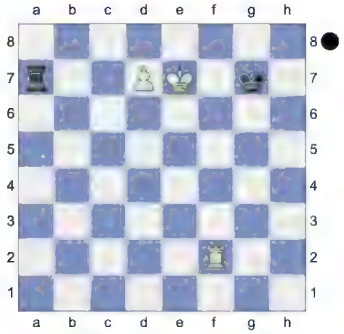


61.d6 Rb1+ 62.Kc6 Rc1+ 63.Kd7 Ra1 64.Rf2+ Kg7 65.Ke7 5.05/22
[⌓65.Rf4 10.32/26 Hoping for Ke6. Kg6 66.Ke6]
65...Ra7+ #17/22
[65...Re1++- 5.05/22 66.Kd8 Rh1]



66.d7



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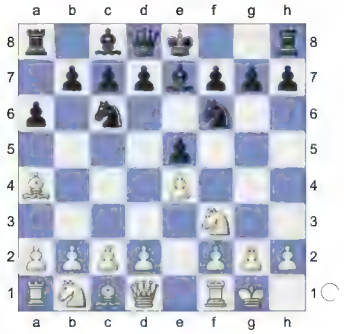
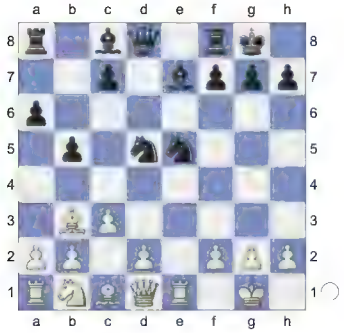
144 **C89**
□ **Nikolaj** **2669**
■ **sumsar42** **2879**
Blitz 12.09.2021
[Kitty Kat]

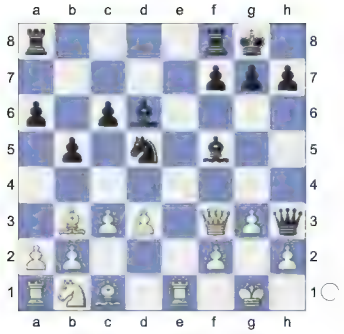
Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Grischuk,A: 'Inf 91/311' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



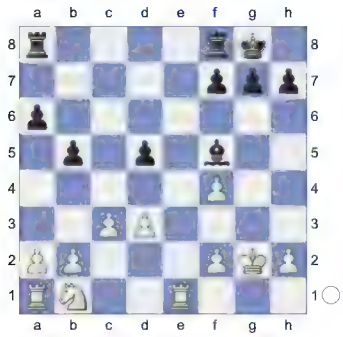
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

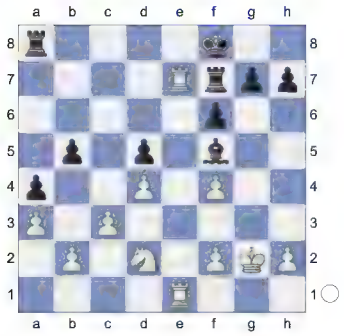


16.Bxd5 cxd5 White has an edge.
17.Bf4
[17.Qxd5 Rad8 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 Bxd3 20.Be3 f6 21.Nd2 b4 22.Bd4 bxc3 23.Bxc3 Rfe8 24.f3 Kf7 25.Rac1 Rxe1 26.Rxe1 Be7 27.g4 h5 28.h3 g6 29.Nb3 Rd7 30.Nd4 Bc4 31.Nc6 Bd5 10.Ba3 b6 11.ba5 Nh5 (2762)-Jimenez Fraga,P (2695) Nederland 2013 200 Traps In The Opening [Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis, S] ½-½ (41)]
17...Bg4 18.Qg2
[18.Qxd5 Bxf4 19.gxf4 Rad8∓]
18...Qxg2+N
[18...Bxf4 19.gxf4 d4 20.Qg3 Rad8 21.c4 Rd6 22.Re5 f5 23.Nd2 Rg6 24.Kh1 Qh5 25.f3 Bh3 26.Qf2 Bg2+ 27.Qxg2 Rxg2 28.Kxg2 bxc4 29.dxc4 Qh4 30.Rae1 Qxf4 31.R5e2 d3 32.Rf2 Rf6 33.Re8+ The Dangerous D3-A21 Bf4 Fighting the Ruy Lopez [Milos Pavlovic] (37) Kf7 34.Rd8 Qe3 35.Rd5 h5 36.h4 Qe1 37.Nf1 Rg6+ 0-1 (37) Wachs (2607)-Ernst,H (2719) Mulhouse FRA 2004 Telechess CBM 89 [Saric,Ivan]]
19.Kxg2 Bxf4 20.gxf4 Bf5 0.45/20
[20...d4= 0.01/19]

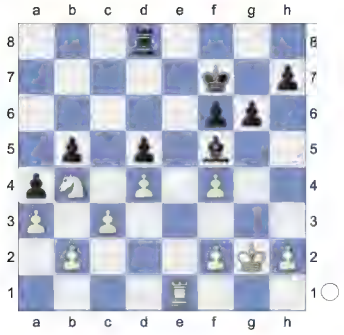


21.d4± a5 22.Nd2 a4 23.a3 f6 24.Re7 0.22/23
[24.Nf1± 0.85/18]
24...Rf7 1.00/20

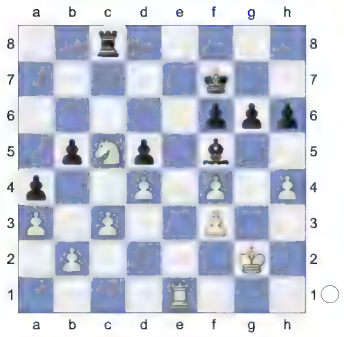
[24...Rae8= 0.22/23 25.Ree1 Bd3]
25.Rae1± Kf8



26.Rxf7+ Kxf7 Endgame KRB-KRN
27.Nf1 Rd8 28.Ne3 Be6 29.Nc2 g6 30.Nb4 Bf5



31.f3 h6 32.h4 Be6 33.Na6 Rc8 34.Nc5 Bf5 2.49/26
[34...Re8± 0.91/24 was necessary.]



35.Kg3? 0.62/24
[35.Nb7!+- 2.49/26]
35...Rg8

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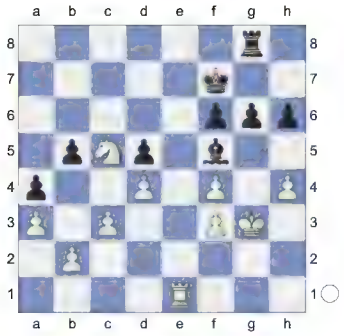
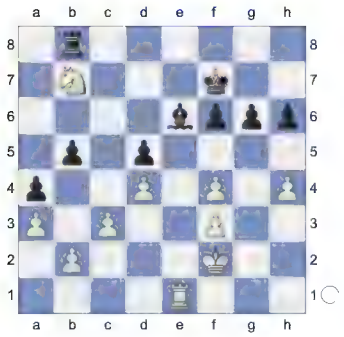


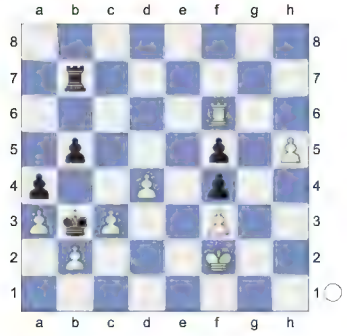
36.Nb7 Threatens to win with Nd6+.
36...Be6? 3.06/23
[36...Bd7± 0.82/24]
37.Kf2? 1.00/26
[37.Nd6++- 3.06/23 and the rest is easy. Ke7 38.Nxb5]
37...Rb8 2.25/27
[37...Bd7± 1.00/26]



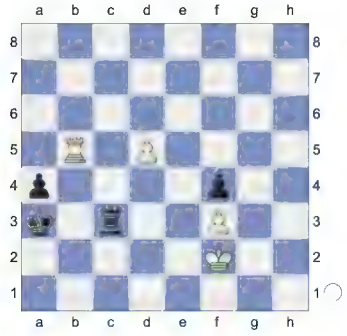
38.f5! Rxb7
[38...Bxf5 39.Nd6+]
39.Rxe6 gxf5+- KR-KR **40.Rd6** Black must now prevent Kg3. **40...f4**

41.Rxd5 Ke6 2.92/24
[⌓41...Kg6 1.65/23 42.Ke1 f5]
42.Rh5 f5 43.Rxh6+ Kd5 44.Rf6 Kc4

45.h5? 1.55/25
[45.Rxf5+- 3.95/25 has better winning chances. Kb3 46.Rxf4]
45...Kb3±



46.Rxf5 Kxb2 47.h6 Strongly threatening Rh5.
[Reject 47.Rxf4 Kxa3 48.Rg4 Kb3∓]
47...Kxa3 1.01/23
[47...Kxc3± 0.54/24 is superior. 48.Rh5 *(48.Rxf4 b4=)* 48...Rh7]
48.h7 0.00/26
[Weaker is 48.Rxf4 Kb3 49.Rg4 *(49.Rh4 Rh7∓)* 49...Rh7∓]
[48.Rh5± 1.01/23 Rh7 49.Rxb5 Rxh6 50.d5]
48...Rxh7= 49.Rxb5 Rc7 50.d5 Rxc3



51.Ke2 Re3+ 52.Kf2 Rd3 53.Ke2 Rd4 54.Ke1 Ka2 55.Ke2 a3

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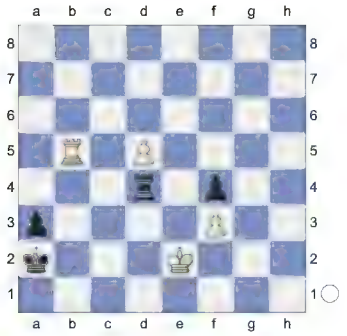
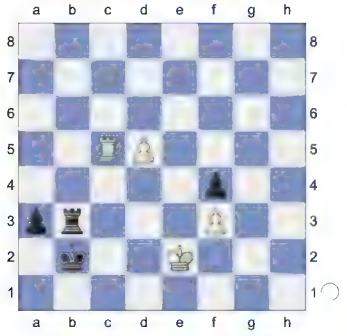


56.Ke1! Rd3 ...Rb3 is the strong threat.
57.Ke2 Rb3 58.Rc5 -10.05/29
[58.Rxb3= -0.01/20 Kxb3 59.d6]
58...Kb2



Black used his chance.
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145 **C89**
□ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2710**
■ **So,Wesley** **2772**
Saint Louis Rapid 2021 (2.4) 11.08.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

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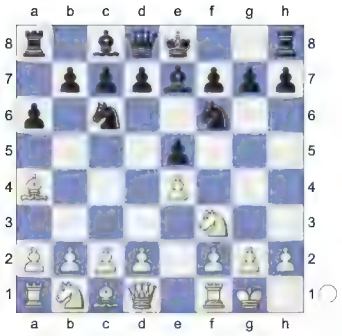
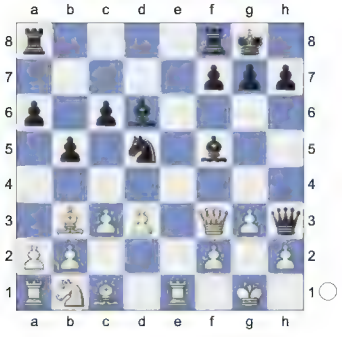


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3

[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]

15...Qh3



16.Be3 Bxd3 White has an edge.

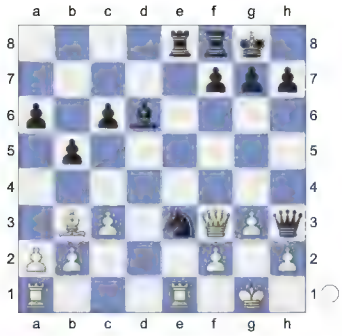
[16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]

17.Nd2 Bf5

[Much less strong is 17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]

18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Qxe4 Rae8 20.Qf3 Nxe3

(Diagram)



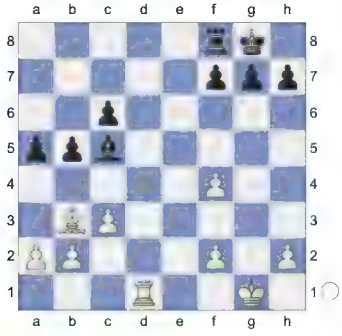
21.Rxe3 Rxe3 22.Qxe3 Qf5! 23.Rd1N

[23.Kg2 Bc5 24.Qf3 Qxf3+ 25.Kxf3 Rd8 26.Rd1 Rxd1 27.Bxd1 Kf8 28.Bc2 Be7 29.Be4 c5 30.Bb7 a5 31.Bc6 b4 32.Ke4 Bf6 33.Kd3 Ke7 34.Kc4 Kd6 35.Be8 Ke7 36.Bb5 Kd6 37.a4 Bd8 Ernst,H (2745)-C 10/13 (2701) Las Vegas 2022 ICCF 2019 [John Watson] ½-½ (46) 38.Be8 f6 39.f4 Bc7 40.Bh5 Bd8 41.Bf3 Bc7 42.Be4 h6 43.Bf3 Bd8 44.Be4 Bc7 45.Bf3 Bd8 46.Be4 Bc7 ½-½ (46) Grischuk,A (2745)-Artemiev,V (2701) Chess.com INT 2022]

23...Bc5 24.Qf4

[24.Qe2 looks sharper. g6 25.Kg2 Kg7 26.Rd2]

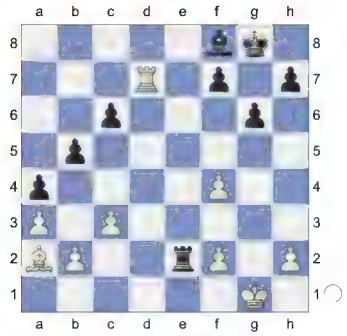
24...Qxf4 25.gxf4± Endgame KRB-KRB **25...a5**



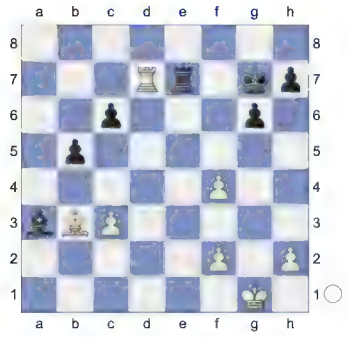
26.a3 a4 27.Ba2 Re8 Threatening ... Kf8. **28.Rd7 Re2 29.Rd8+! Bf8 30.Rd7 g6**

[30...Rxb2? 31.Bxf7+ Kh8 32.f5 *(32.Rd8 g6∓)* 32...Rb1+ 33.Kg2+-]

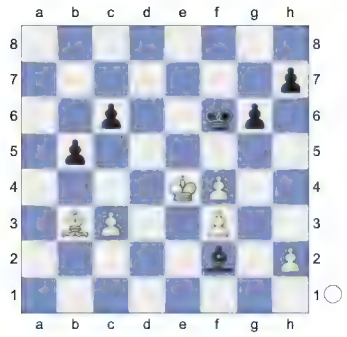
[30...Be7? 31.Kf1 Re4 32.Bb1+-]



White must now prevent ...Be7.
31.Bxf7+ Kh8! 32.b4 axb3 33.Bxb3 Bxa3 34.Rd8+ Kg7 35.Rd7+ -0.48/21
[35.Kf1= -0.01/21 Re4 36.Rc8]
35...Re7∓

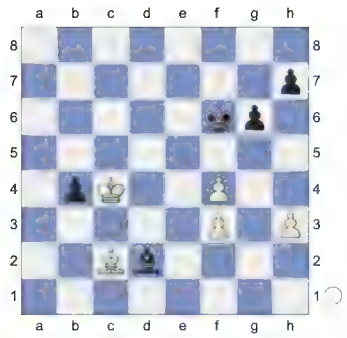


36.Rxe7+ Bxe7 KB-KB **37.Kg2 Kf6** -0.55/25
[37...Bf6∓ -1.06/25 38.c4 b4]
38.Kf3 Bd6 39.Ke4 Bc5 40.f3 Bf2

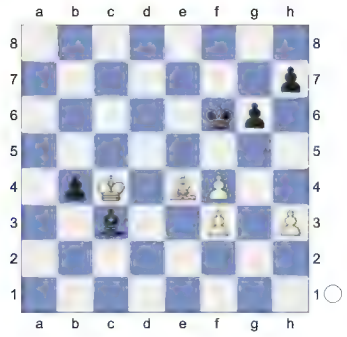


41.Bc2 c5 42.Kd5 Be3 43.h3 b4 44.cxb4 cxb4 45.Kc4 Bd2 -0.83/29
[45...Bxf4∓ -0.35/24 46.Kxb4 Ke5]

(Diagram)

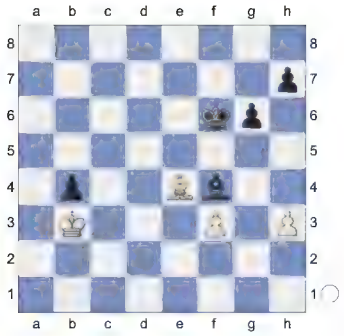


46.Be4 Ke6 -0.50/27
[But not 46...Bxf4?! 47.Kxb4 Ke5 48.Kc5=]
[46...h6∓ -0.83/27]
47.Kb3 Kd6 48.Kc4 Bc3 49.Bc2 Ke6 50.Be4 Kf6

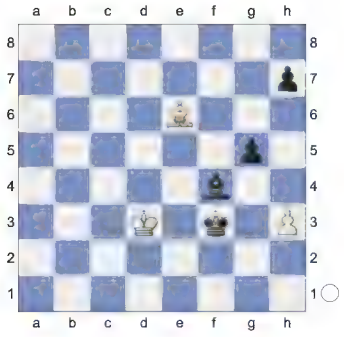


51.Kb3 -1.03/29
[51.Bc2∓ -0.46/25]
51...Kg7 -0.46/27
[Better is 51...h5∓ -1.03/29]
52.Kc4 Kf7 53.Kb3 -0.98/25
[53.f5∓ -0.57/25]
53...Kf6 -0.56/28
[53...h5∓ -0.98/25]
54.Kc4 -1.02/25
[54.Bc2∓ -0.56/28 deserves consideration.]
54...Bd2 -0.49/26
[54...h5∓ -1.02/25]
55.Kb3 Bxf4 -0.12/29
[55...h6∓ -0.55/25 might be stronger.]

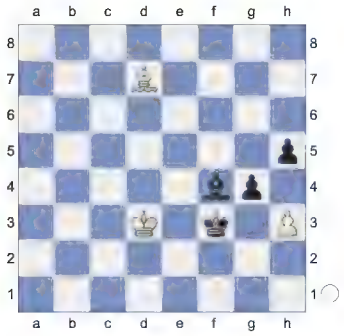
(Diagram)



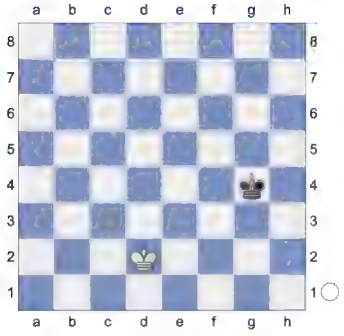
56.Kxb4= Kg5 57.Bd5 Kh4 58.Be6 Kg3 59.Kc4 Kxf3 60.Kd3 g5



61.Bc8 h5 62.Bd7 g4



...g3 is the strong threat. **63.Bxg4+** -0.96/26 **hxg4∓ 64.hxg4 Bd2** 0.00/94 **65.Kxd2=** g5 would kill now. **65...Kxg4**



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146 **C89**
Nakigraw **2757**
Futurology **2700**
Blitz 30.07.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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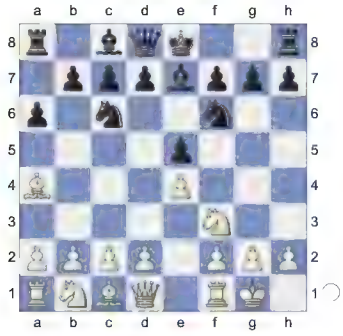
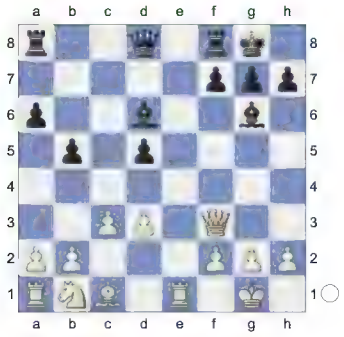
Alexander Delchev: 'Hi Everyone, We are at the start of one of the strongest tournaments this year - Gashimov Memorial. Already in the first round, we will take a closer look on the most interesting game - continuation of the clash between the reigning champion Carlsen with black pieces and his last contender - the ex-champion Anand.'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



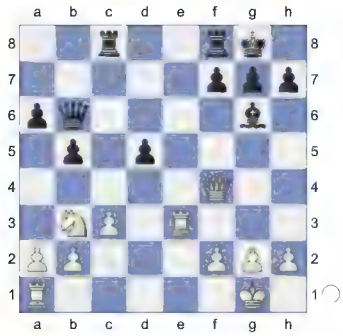
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)

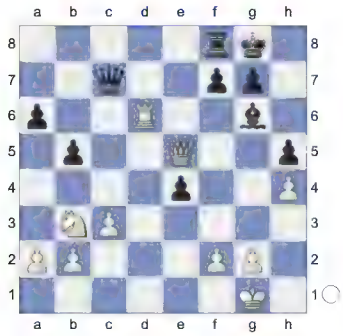
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Bg6 0.48/18
[14...Qd7= 0.11/19 15.Bxd5 cxd5]
15.Bxd5±
[15.Na3 Bxa3 16.bxa3 Nxc3 17.Bd2 Nd5 18.a4 Qd7 19.Rac1 Rfe8 20.h3 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Re8 22.Rc1 h6 23.axb5 axb5 24.a4 bxa4 25.Bxa4 Re6 26.Bb3 Qb7 27.Bc4 Re8 28.Qd1 Qd7 29.Qg4 Qxg4 Ter Sahakyan,S (2640)-Chigaev,M (2622) Dhaka 2024 Mega2024 Update 15 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (39)]
15...cxd5



16.Bf4 Bxf4N White is slightly better.
[16...d4 17.cxd4 Bb4 18.Nc3 Qxd4 19.Be5 Qd7 *(19...Qxd3 20.Re3 Qc4 21.Nd5 Rad8 22.Nxb4 Qxb4 23.Bc3 Qc4 24.Qb7 Qc8* Ruy Lopez-Marshall - 11...c6 12.d3 [EA]*)* 20.Nd5 f6 21.Nxb4 fxe5 22.Qd5+ Qxd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd3 24.Rxe5 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Ne3 Rc8 27.a3 a5 28.h4 Bg6 29.Rd1 b4 30.axb4 axb4 31.g4 Anand,V (2515)-Van der Wiel,J (2560) Wijk aan Zee 1989 CI1-130 [Van der Wiel,John] 0-1 (53) b3 32.h5 Bf7 33.Kg2 Kf8 34.Kg3 Ra8 35.Rd2 h6 36.Nf5 Be6 37.Nd4 Bf7 38.f3 Rc8 39.Kf4 Rc1 40.Nf5 Kg8 41.Rd8+ Kh7 42.Rd7 Kg8 43.Rd8+ Kh7 44.Rd7 Kg8 45.Nd6 Be6 46.Re7 Buchicchio,G (2791)-Molina,R (2863) Erfurt 2015 Catastrophe Open File [FS1981/67] ½-½ (53)]
17.Qxf4 Bxd3 18.Nd2 Qb6 19.Re3 Bg6 20.Nb3 Rac8



21.Rd1 Rc4 22.Qe5 Re4 23.Rxe4 dxe4 24.h4 h5 25.Rd6 0.46/21
[25.Nc5± 0.90/21]
25...Qc7



26.Nd4 0.06/22
[26.Nd2± 0.45/19]
26...Kh7 0.77/22
[26...b4= 0.06/22 remains equal.]
27.a3 -0.01/21
0x0.0021cb7e4b7cdp-1022s more active pieces.
[White should play 27.Nf5± 0.77/22 f6

28.Qd5]

27...Qc4 1.22/20

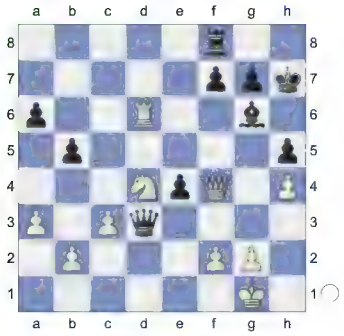
[27...e3= -0.01/21]

28.Qf4 0.40/19

[28.Rxa6± 1.22/20 Qa2 29.Ra7 *(29.Qxb5 Qb1+ 30.Kh2 Qe1±)*]

28...Qd3? 5.74/23

[Better is 28...Re8± 0.40/19]

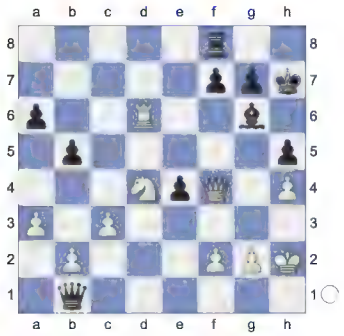


29.Kh2? 1.15/21

[29.Ne6!+- 5.74/23 and White stays clearly on top. Qb1+ *(29...fxe6 30.Qxf8)* 30.Kh2 fxe6 31.Qxf8 Qxb2 32.Rd8]

29...Qb1? 7.50/22

[29...Re8± 1.15/21]



30.Ne6! Rg8

[30...fxe6 31.Qxf8]

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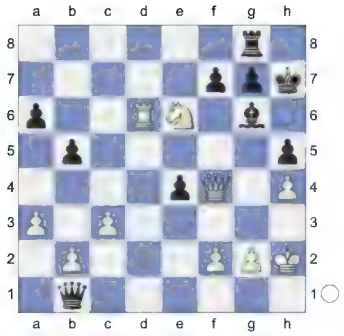
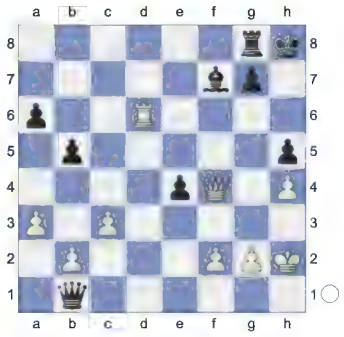


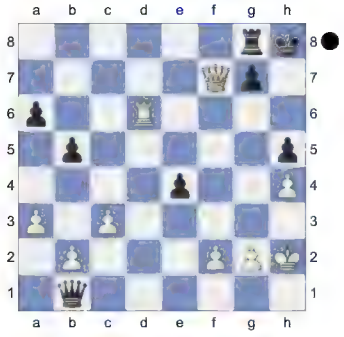
31.Ng5+ Kh8 32.Nxf7+ Bxf7 #2/6

[32...Kh7+- 5.18/5 33.Ng5+ Kh8 34.Rxg6 Qg1+ 35.Kxg1 Rd8 36.Rh6+ gxh6 37.Qf6+ Kg8 38.Qg6+ Kh8 39.Qh7#]



33.Qxf7 12.07/26

[⌓33.Rh6+!! #2/6 gxh6 34.Qxh6#]



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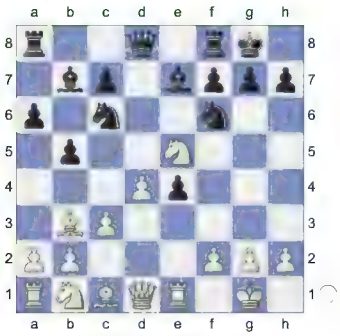
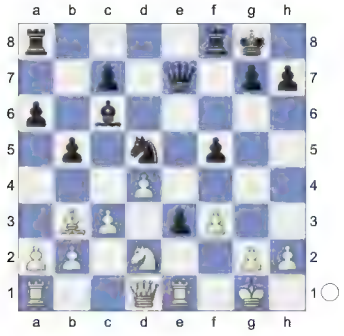
147 **C89**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2863**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2767**
Norway Chess 8th (10) 16.10.2020
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Beliavsky,A: 'Inf 89/316" **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 0.09/19
[9.exd5± 0.46/21 Nxd5 10.a4]
9...dxe4= 10.Nxe5 Bb7
[10...Nxe5 11.dxe5 Qxd1 12.Bxd1 Nd7 13.Bc2 Nxe5 14.Bxe4 Rb8 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Rxe5 Rd8 19.Kf1 f6 20.Re3 Rd1+ 21.Re1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Bf5 23.Na3 Re8+ 24.Kd2 Rd8+ 25.Ke2 Kunka,H (2331)-Yim,S (2280) Las Vegas 2024 Mega2024 Update 34 [Kitty Kat] ½-½]

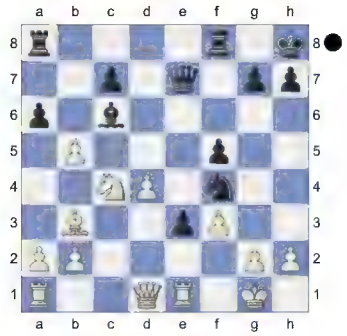


11.Nxc6N
[11.Nd2 Nxe5 *(11...Bd6 12.f4 exf3 13.Ndxf3 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Qxd1 16.Rxd1 Ne4 17.Be3 Rae8 18.Rd7 Rxe5 19.Rxc7 Bd5 20.Bd4 Rf5 21.Re1 Bxb3 22.axb3 Nd2 23.Bc5 Rd8 24.b4* ½-½ (24) Molaei,M (2688)-Ellithorpe,G (2742) Cappelle la Grande 2002 Telechess CBM 89 [Ernst]*)* 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Nxe4 Nxe5 14.Bf4 Nd7 15.Qd3 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Bd6 17.Bxd6 cxd6 18.Red1 Re8 19.Qf4 Ne5 20.Rd4 Qe7 21.h3 Rab8 22.Rad1 Rb6 23.Qd2 Rd8 24.Re1 Re8 25.Rde4 g5 Palac,M (2534)-Beliavsky,A (2667) Slovenija 89/316 2003 CI1-130 [Beliavsky,Alexander G] 1-0 (40)]
11...Bxc6 White is slightly better. **12.Bg5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nd2 f5** 0.69/20
[14...Nf6 0.33/19 might be stronger.]
15.f3 0.34/21
[15.c4! 0.69/20 feels stronger. Nf6 16.cxb5+ Bd5 17.bxa6]
15...e3

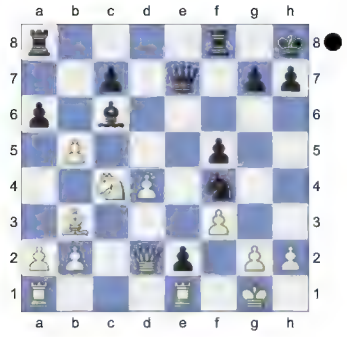


16.c4 -0.63/19
[16.f4!± 0.35/21]
16...Nf4!↑ Black has strong initiative.
17.cxb5+
[17.Nf1 e2 18.Qd2 Qg5 19.Rxe2 Bxf3-+]
17...Kh8! 0x0.002ef33e30c4dp-1022s more active pieces.
[Don't play 17...Bd5 18.Nf1±]

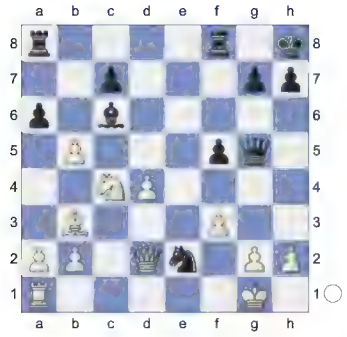
18.Nc4!



e2! 19.Qd2

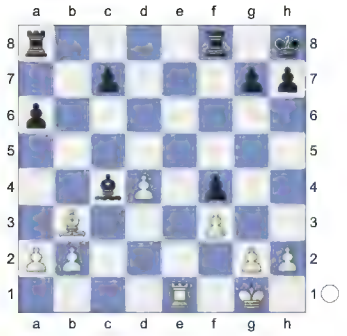


Qg5! The board is on fire. **20.Rxe2 Nxe2+**

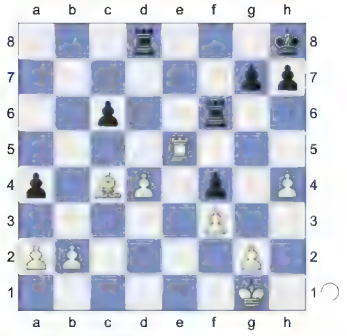


21.Qxe2 Bxb5 22.Qe3 f4 23.Qe5 Qh4 -0.33/22
[23...Qf6∓ -0.72/20]
24.Qe1 -0.67/20
[⌓24.Qc5 -0.33/22]
24...Qxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Bxc4

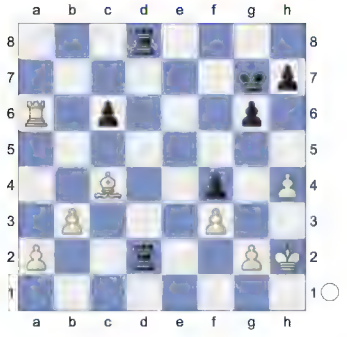
(Diagram)



26.Bxc4 Endgame KRR-KRB **26...c6 27.Re6 Rf6** Strongly threatening ... Rxe6. **28.Re4 a5 29.h4 Rd8 30.Re5 a4**



31.Ra5 Rfd6 32.Rxa4 Rxd4 33.b3 g6 34.Kh2 Kg7 -0.66/21
[Black should try 34...Rd2∓ -1.10/23
35.Kh3 h5]
35.Ra6 -1.03/25
[35.Kh3∓ -0.66/21]
35...Rd2∓



...Rf2 is the strong threat. **36.a4 Rf2 37.Ra7+**

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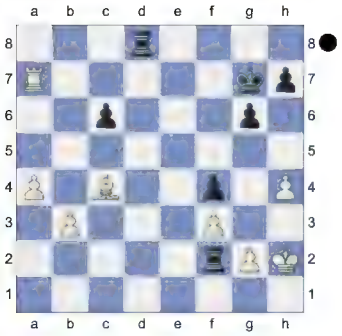
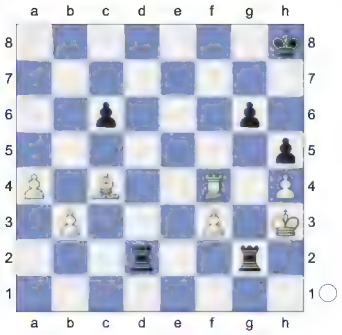
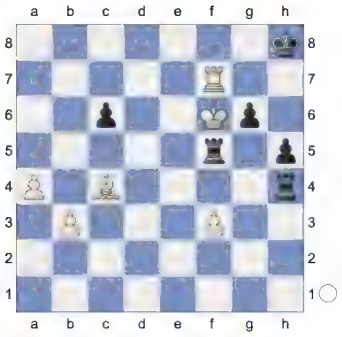


Kh8! 38.Kh3 h5 Threatens to win with ...Rd1. **39.Rf7 Rdd2 40.Rxf4 Rxg2**

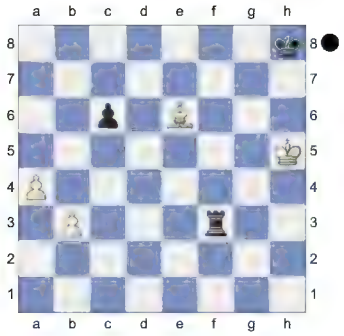


(-> ...Rh2+) **41.Rf7 Rh2+ 42.Kg3 Rdg2+ 43.Kf4 Rxh4+ 44.Ke5 Rg5+ 45.Kf6 Rf5+**

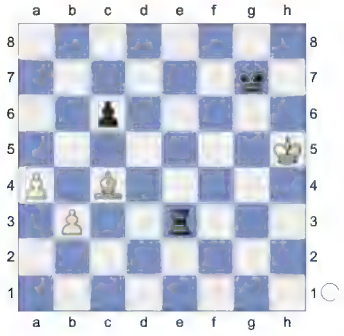


46.Kxg6 Rxf7 47.Bxf7∓ KR-KB **47...Rf4 48.Be6 Rxf3** aiming for ...h4. **49.Kxh5**

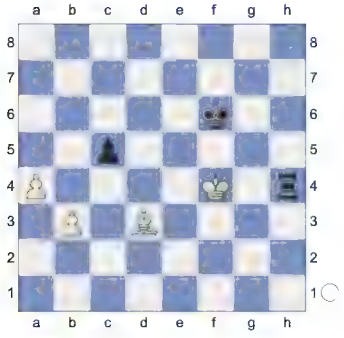
(Diagram)



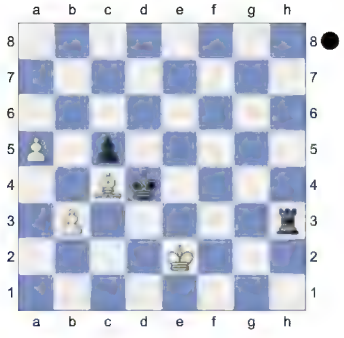
Re3! 50.Bc4 Kg7



51.Kg5 Re5+ 52.Kf4 Kf6 53.Bd3 Rh5 Black is slightly better. **54.Be4 c5 55.Bd3 Rh4+**



56.Ke3 Ke5 57.a5 Rh3+ 58.Ke2 Kd4 59.Bc4



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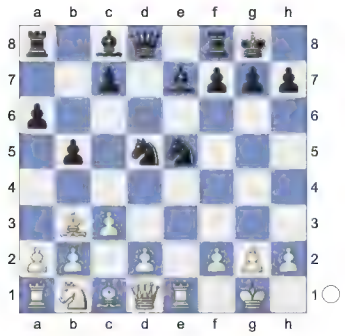
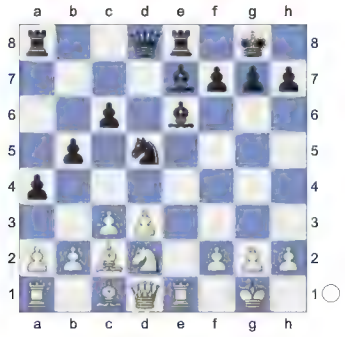
148 **C89**
□ **Chesser22** **2695**
■ **Ctep** **2670**
Blitz 15.07.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.c3 a6 5.Ba4 b5

6.Bb3 d5 7.exd5
[7.d4 f6 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.a4 Na5 10.dxe5 Nxb3 11.Qxb3 c6 12.Nd4 Qc8 13.f4 fxe5 14.fxe5 Ng6 15.N2f3 h6 16.axb5 Rb8 17.Qa4 axb5 18.Qa7 Rb7 19.Qa8 Qxa8 20.Rxa8+ Kd7 21.Nxe6 Kxe6 Doukhine,I (2381)-Mojzis,J (2217) Pardubice 2005 (40)]
7...Nxd5 8.0-0N
[8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Be6 11.0-0 c5 12.Qe5 c4 13.Bc2 Bd6 14.Qd4 0-0 15.Qe4 g6 16.Qf3 Qh4 17.g3 Qh3 18.Be4 Nc7 19.Bf4 Rad8 20.Bxd6 Rxd6 21.Qf4 Rfd8 22.Bg2 Qh5 Morris,S-N,N Trnava 1858 Lessons with a GM [Kosten & Melchor] 0-1 (39) 23.Bf3 Qc5 24.Na3 Nd5 25.Qe5 f6 26.Qe2 Nxc3 27.bxc3 Qxa3 28.Qe3 Bh3 29.Rfd1 Qxa2 30.Qe7 Qb2 31.Qxd8+ Rxd8 32.Rxd8+ Kg7 33.Re1 Qxc3 34.Re7+ Kh6 35.Re3 Qb2 36.Rd1 c3 37.Ree1 c2 Medley,G-Morphy,P London 1858 EXT 1999 [Sergeant, P.] 0-1 (45)]
8...Be7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

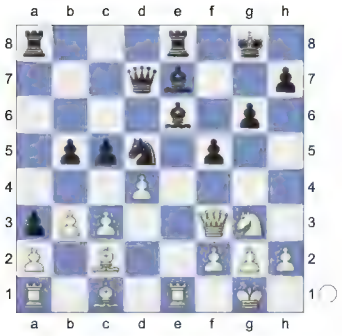


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3
[12.d4 is interesting. Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3]
12...Be6 0.49/18
[12...Bd6= 0.11/17 13.Re1 Bf5]
13.Re1 a5 14.Nd2 White is slightly better. **14...a4 15.Bc2 Re8**

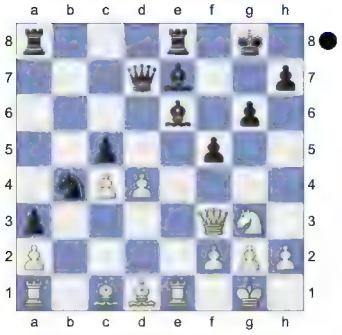


16.d4 a3 17.Ne4 0.18/18
[17.Rxe6± 0.50/16 was preferrable. fxe6 18.Qe2]
17...f5 0.82/20
[17...axb2= 0.18/18 18.Bxb2 Nb6]
18.Ng3± Qd7 19.Qf3 g6 20.b3 c5 0.78/19
[20...Bd6± 0.37/16 might be stronger.]

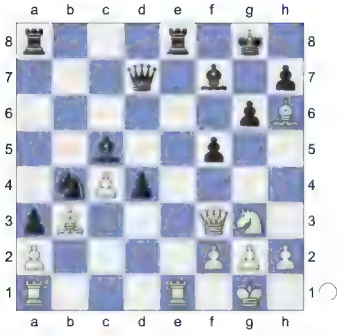
(Diagram)



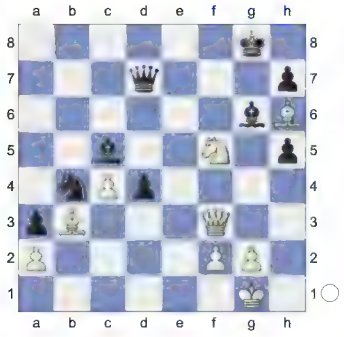
21.c4? -1.73/20
[21.dxc5± 0.78/19 and life is bright. Bf6 22.Bd2]
21...Nb4-+ 22.Bd1 -2.20/18
[22.Bxf5!∓ -0.62/19 gxf5 23.d5 Bxd5 24.cxd5]
22...bxc4 23.bxc4



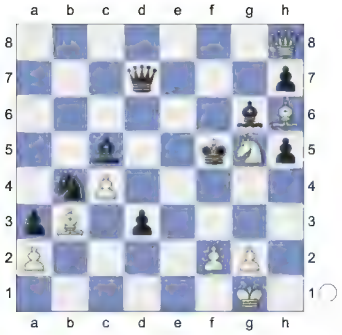
cxd4 -0.38/20 &Nero is more active.
[Better is 23...Qxd4!∓ -1.41/20 24.Rb1 Bf8]
24.Bb3 And now Rxe6! would win.
24...Bc5 25.Bh6 -0.97/19
[25.Re5∓ -0.56/20 d3 26.Rb1 *(26.Rxc5 Qd4∓)*]
25...Bf7∓



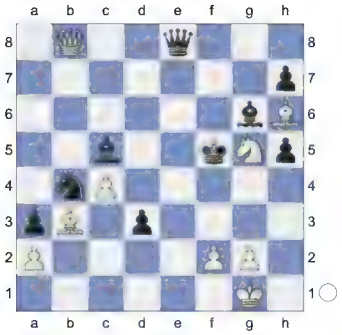
26.h4 -1.39/20
[⌓26.Rxe8+ -1.00/19 Rxe8 27.Rd1]
26...Rxe1+ -0.80/19
[Black should try 26...Qc6 -1.39/20 Threatens to win with ...Qxf3. 27.Qd1 Qf6]
27.Rxe1 Re8 -0.03/19
[27...Qc6∓ -0.64/20 28.Qd1 Qf6]
28.Rxe8+= Bxe8 29.h5 gxh5? 1.43/20
[29...Nc6∓ -0.31/19 keeps the upper hand.]
30.Nxf5± Bg6



31.Qa8+! Kf7
[31...Qe8? 32.Qb7 Bf7 33.Ba4!+-]
32.Nh4
[32.Ba4?! Qxf5 33.Qe8+ Kf6 34.Qd8+ Be7 35.Qxd4+ Kf7 36.Qg7+ Ke6=]
32...d3 2.42/19
[32...Qc6± 1.22/20 33.Qb8 *(33.Qxa3 Be4±)* 33...Be4]
33.Nf3+- Hoping for Ne5+.
[33.Ba4 Bxf2+ 34.Kf1 *(34.Kxf2 Qd4+ 35.Kg3 Qg4+ 36.Kf2 Qxh4+ 37.Kf1 Qh1+ 38.Kf2 Qh4+ 39.Kf1 Qh1+ 40.Kf2 Qh4+=)* 34...Qe7 35.Qf3+ *(35.Kxf2 Qxh4+ 36.Kf1 Qh1+ 37.Kf2 Qh4+ 38.Kf1 Qe7=)* 35...Kg8 36.Qxf2 Nxa2+-]
33...Ke6 6.85/22 Against Ne5
[33...Qe8± 1.60/18 34.Qb7+ Qe7]
34.Ng5+ Kf6 35.Qh8+
[35.Ne4+ Bxe4 36.Qxe4 Qf5 37.Qh4+ *(37.Qe1 Nc2∓)* 37...Ke6±]
35...Kf5

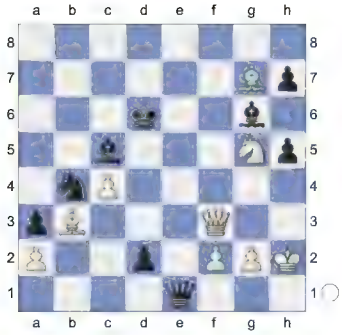


36.Qb8 -0.01/19
[36.Nf3+- 4.56/22 Threatening mate with Qe5+. Nc6 37.Ba4]
36...Qe8 1.35/21
[36...d2!= -0.01/19 remains equal. 37.g3 *(37.Bd1 Qe8∓)* 37...d1Q+ 38.Bxd1 Qxd1+ 39.Kg2 Qd6 40.Qc8+ Kf6 41.Qh8+ Kf5 42.Qc8+ Kf6 43.Qh8+ Kf5 44.Qc8+]

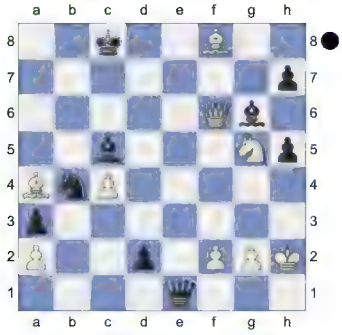


37.Qg3!± Qe1+ 38.Kh2 d2? 6.43/21
[38...Bxf2? 39.Qf3+ Ke5 40.Nh3 Bg3+ 41.Qxg3++-]
[38...Qxf2 39.Qh3+ Ke5 40.Qe6+ Kd4 41.Bg7+]
[38...Qe5= 0.30/20 39.f4 Qxf4 40.Qxf4+ Kxf4]
39.Qf3++- Ke5 40.Bg7+ Kd6

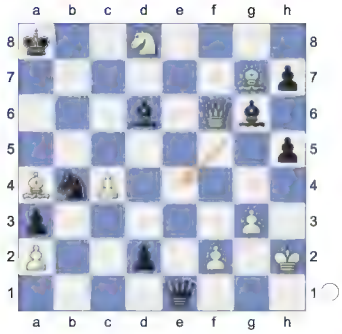
(Diagram)



41.Qf6+? -0.01/19
[41.Bf8++- 6.02/21 Kc7 42.Qg3+ Kc8 43.Bxc5]
41...Kd7= White must now prevent ... Qe7. **42.Ba4+! Kc8** ...Qe7 is the strong threat. **43.Ne6!**
[Don't go for 43.Bf8?

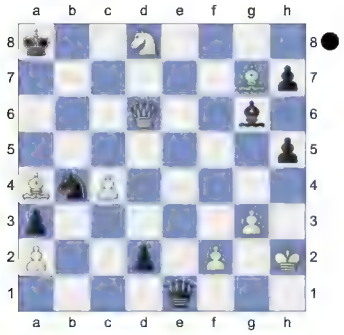


Bxf2! 44.Bd6 *(44.Bxb4? is a self mate. Qg1+ 45.Kh3 Qh1#)* 44...Qg1+ 45.Kh3 Qh1+ 46.Bh2 d1Q-+]
43...Bd6+ 44.g3 Intending Qd8+ and mate. **44...Kb7⇄** Black is fighting back. The board is on fire. **45.Nd8+ Ka8**

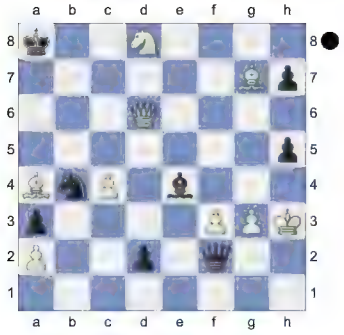


(-> ...Be4!) **46.Qxd6??** -19.11/24
[46.Nc6= 0.01/21 Bxg3+ 47.fxg3

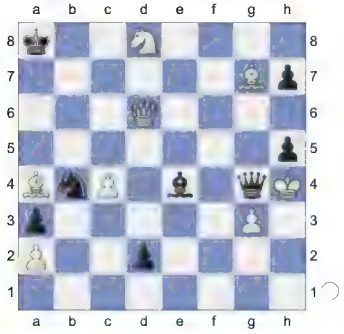
Qe2+ 48.Kh3 Qg4+ 49.Kh2 *(49.Kg2 Qe2+ 50.Kh3 Qg4+ 51.Kh2 Qe2+ 52.Kh3=)* 49...Qe2+ 50.Kh3 Qg4+ 51.Kh2 *(51.Kg2 Qe2+ 52.Kh3=)* 51...Qe2+]



46...Be4!-+ 47.f3 Qf2+ 48.Kh3



Qxf3! 49.Kh4
[49.Qxd2 Qh1+]
49...Qg4#



A wild game.
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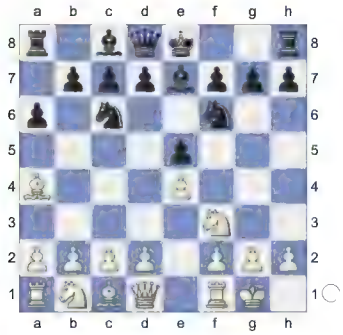
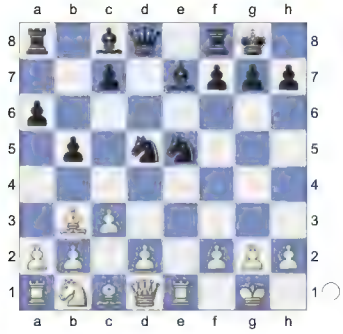
149 **C89**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2767**
■ **Tari,Aryan** **2633**
146/122 Stavanger 2020
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.g3
[13.d4 seems wilder. Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4]
13...Bf5 14.d4 Qf6 0.50/21
[14...Qd7= 0.12/21]
15.Be3 Qg6

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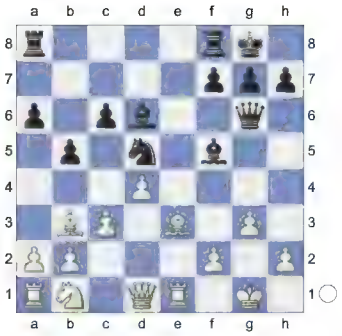
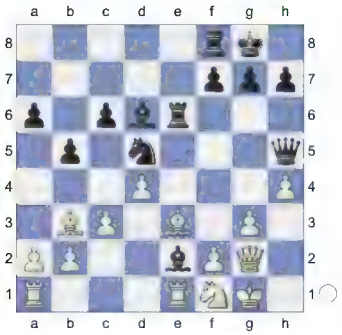
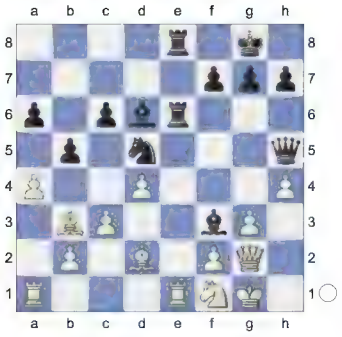


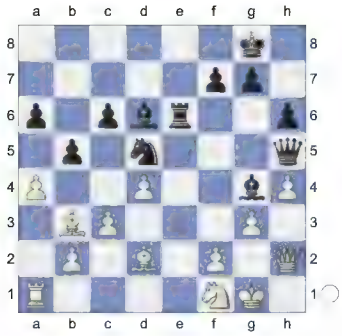
White has an edge. **16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Qf3 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qh5 19.h4N**
[19.a4 Re6 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra6 Bh3 22.Qf3 Bg4 23.Qh1 Bc7 24.Bxd5 cxd5 25.Rea1 Qf5 26.Ra8 Bb8 27.Qg2 h5 28.R8a5 Be2 29.Re1 Bd3 30.Qf3 Qh7 31.Qxd5 h4 32.Ra8 Rfe8 33.Qb7 hxg3 Mukhin-Faibisovich,V USSR Universities chT 1970 The Total Marshall [Nunn, Harding] 1-0 (37)]
19...Be2 20.Nf1 Re6



21.Bd2 Rfe8 22.a4 Bf3

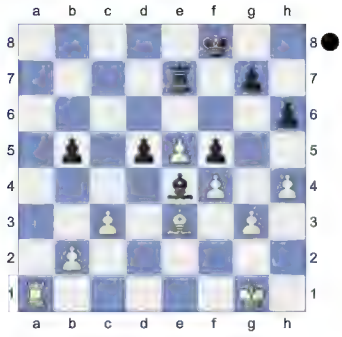


23.Rxe6 Rxe6 24.Qh3 And now axb5 would win. **24...Bg4 25.Qh2 h6!**
(Diagram)

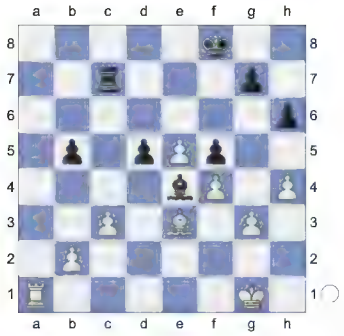


26.axb5 axb5 27.Ne3 Bf3 1.48/26
[27...Nxe3!= 0.12/21 remains equal. 28.Bxe6 *(28.fxe3 Re8=)* 28...Bxe6]
28.Qh3↑ White is on the roll. **28...Be4 29.Qg4** Prevents Qe2. **29...Qxg4 30.Nxg4 f5** 1.92/23
[30...Re8± 1.44/20 31.Ra7 Re7 32.Rxe7 Nxe7]

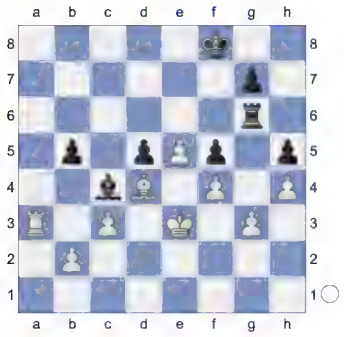
31.Ne5 Bxe5 32.dxe5 Kf8 2.04/21
[32...Bf3± 1.32/21]
33.f4+- Re7 34.Bxd5 cxd5 Endgame KRB-KRB **35.Be3**



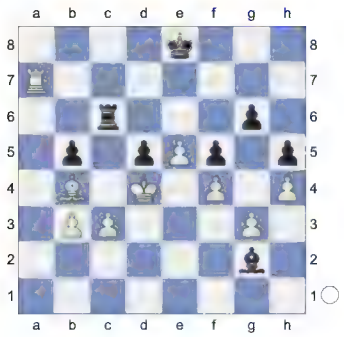
Hoping for Bc5. **35...Rc7**
(Diagram)



Prevents Bc5+. **36.Ra5 Bd3 37.Bd4 Rc6 38.Kf2 h5 39.Ke3 Bc4 40.Ra3 Rg6** 4.53/24
[⌓40...Bf1 3.23/23 41.b3 Kg8]



41.b3 Bf1 42.Bc5+ Ke8 43.Bb4 Bg2 5.47/25
[⌓43...d4+ 3.66/21 44.Kf2 dxc3 45.Kxf1 c2]
44.Kd4 White is clearly winning.
44...Rc6 7.07/25
[⌓44...Kf7 4.53/22 45.Ra7+ Kg8 46.Ra8+ Kh7]
45.Ra7 g6



46.Re7+ Kd8 47.e6 Rc7 48.Rf7
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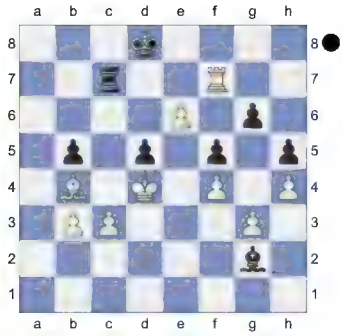

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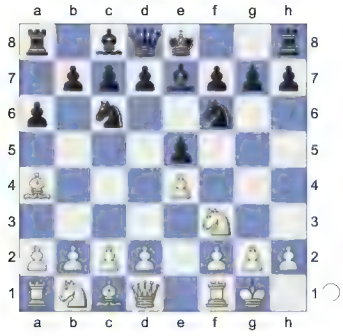
150 **C89**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2870**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2801**
Tata Steel India Rapid (9.4) 24.11.2019
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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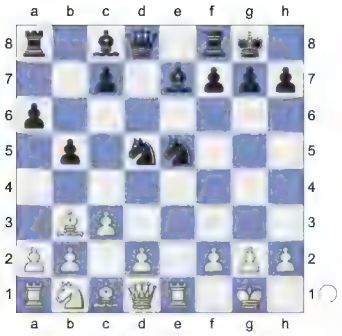
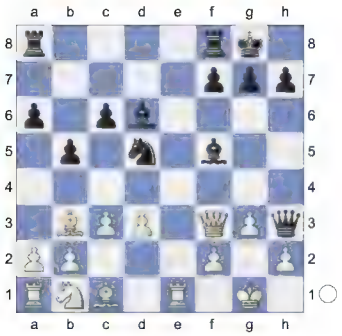
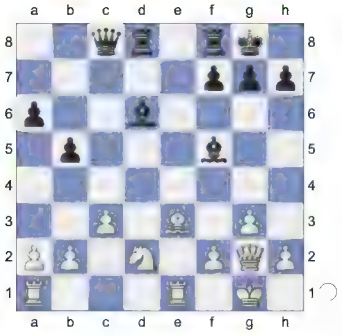


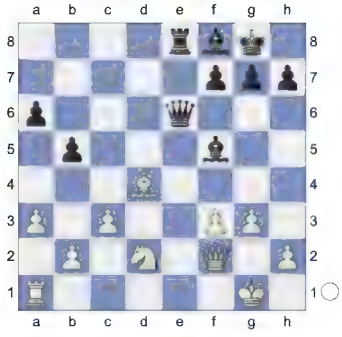
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



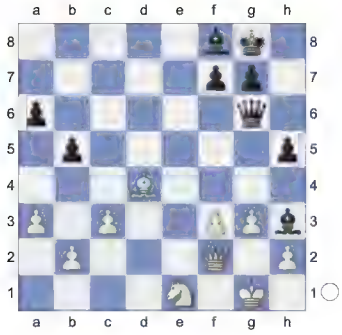
16.Be3 Bxd3 White is slightly better.
[16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Qxd5 Rad8! Strongly threatening ...Ba3! **19.Qg2**
[But not 19.Qxd3? Bxg3 20.fxg3 *(20.Qe4? Bxh2+ 21.Kh1 Bb8+ 22.Kg1 Rd6-+)* 20...Rxd3-+]
[19.Qf3 seems wilder. Bf5 20.Nd2 Be6 21.Bd4]
19...Qc8 20.Nd2 Bf5



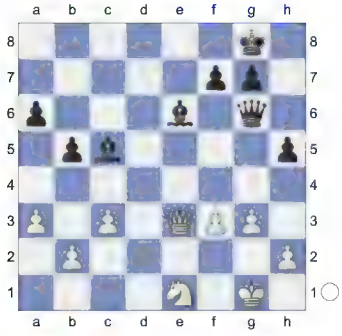
21.Bd4 Rfe8 22.f3N -0.51/18
[22.Bb6= 0.01/18 Rd7 23.Nb3]
22...Bf8 23.a3 Re6 24.Rxe6 Qxe6 25.Qf2 Re8



Black has compensation. **26.Nf1 h5 27.Ne3 Bh3 28.Re1 Qc6 29.Ng2 Rxe1+ 30.Nxe1 Qg6**

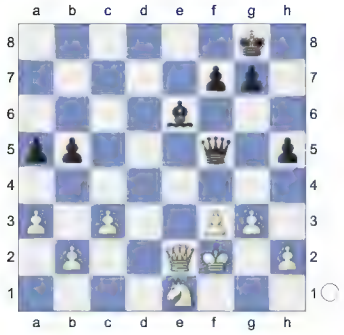


31.Qc2 Bf5 This bishop pair is nice.
[31...Qe6 with more complications. 32.Ng2 Qa2 33.Nf4 Qa1+]
32.Qd2 Be6 33.Qd3 Bf5 34.Qe3 Be6 0.37/23
[34...Bd7= 0.01/21]
35.Bc5 0.01/22
[35.Qe4!± 0.37/23 should be considered.]
35...Bxc5=

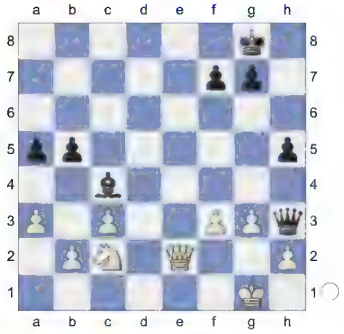


36.Qxc5 Qb1 37.Qf2 Bd5 38.Kg2 a5

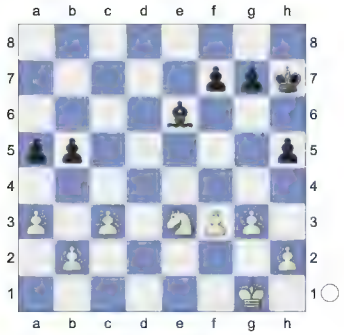
0.36/24
[38...Qd1= 0.01/21 is superior.]
39.Qe2± Qf5 0.67/22
[⌓39...Be6 0.36/20]
40.Kf2 Black must now prevent Qe8+.
40...Be6



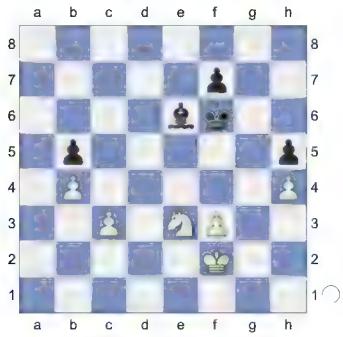
41.Nc2 Qh3 0.92/24
[41...h4!± 0.40/22]
42.Kg1± Bc4 1.61/21
[42...h4± 1.12/22]



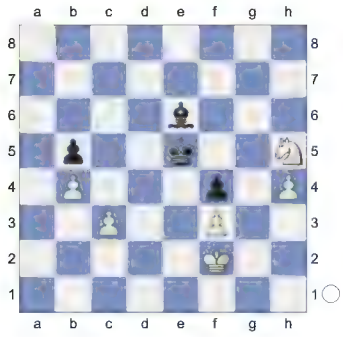
43.Qe8+!+- Kh7 44.Ne3 Inhibits Qf1+.
44...Qe6 45.Qxe6 Bxe6



Endgame KB-KN **46.b4 axb4 47.axb4**
[Don't play 47.cxb4 Kg6±]
47...g5 2.11/29
[47...Kg6± 1.55/23 48.Kf2 Kf6]
48.h4 gxh4 4.08/27
[48...Kg6 1.90/24 keeps fighting.
49.hxg5 Kxg5 50.f4+ Kf6]
49.gxh4 Kg6 50.Kf2 Kf6



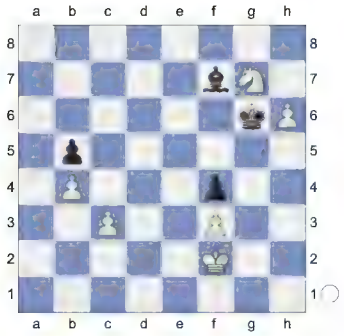
51.Nf1 Ke5 52.Ng3 f5 53.Nxh5 f4



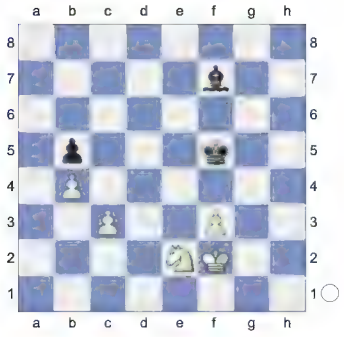
Threatens to win with ...Bf7. **54.Ng7!**
Bf7 White is clearly winning. **55.h5 Kf6**

56.h6 Kg6

(Diagram)



57.Nh5! Kxh6 58.Nxf4 And now Ke3 would win. **58...Kg5 59.Ne2 Kf5**



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151 **C89**
□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2758**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2811**
FIDE World Cup 2019 (7.3) 02.10.2019
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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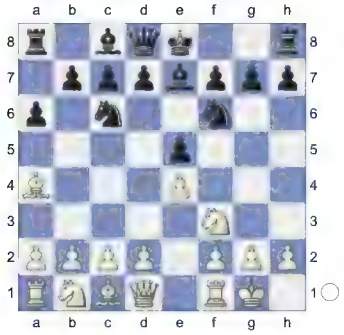
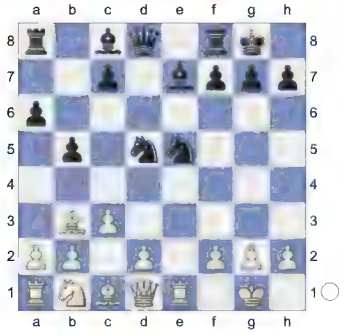
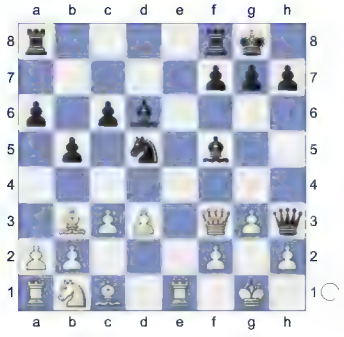
Mikhalevski,V: 'Milanovic,Danilo: 'After the loss in the second game Radjabov had to find the way to attack the Chinese star player. Ding repeated the Marshall line he used in his previous black games. Of course, no need to change the most efficient antidote!'''
Mikhalevski,V: 'Milanovic,Danilo: 'After the loss in the second game Radjabov had to find the way to attack the Chinese star player. Ding repeated the Marshall line he used in his previous black games. Of course, no need to change the most efficient antidote!'' **1.e4** Mikhalevski,V Mikhalevski,V: 'Mikhalevski,V, MH' **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



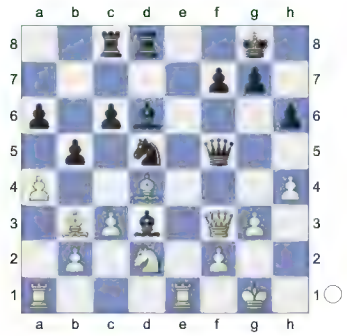
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3 Mikhalevski,V: 'Milanovic, Danilo: 'Diagram



" **16.Be3**
[It was quite obvious that Radjabov did not have a clear plan in the first game of the final. Therefore he repeated the game he played against Ding in Shamkir 2019 16.Nd2 Mikhalevski,V Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5 20.h3 Bh5 21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4 fxe4 23.dxe4 Bf3+ 24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.a4 was the first new move compared to the Shamkir game. In actual fact, it did not change much in the course of the game *(27.f3 Re2 28.c4 bxc4 29.Bxc4 Rxb2 30.Bxa6 g5 31.Bc4 Kg7 32.Bxd5 cxd5 33.a4 h5 34.h4 Kg6 35.a5 Rb7=* Radjabov,Teimour 2756 - Ding,Liren 2812, Shamkir 2019 *)* 27...Re2 28.axb5 axb5 29.Bxd5+ cxd5 30.Rd1 Rxb2 31.Rxd5 Rb3 32.f3 Rxc3 33.Rxb5 1/2 : 1/2 Radjabov,Teimour 2758 - Ding,Liren 2811, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/1) 2019]
[White usually proceeds with 16.Bxd5 Mikhalevski,V cxd5 17.Qxd5 Rad8 18.Qg2 and if Black does not intend to complicate the play the equality should be reached after Qxg2+ *(* also, it might be intertesting to try *18...Qh5* Paravyan,David 2525 - Swiercz,Dariusz 2645, Moscow 2017 - 131/126 *)* 19.Kxg2 Bxd3⩱ and the bishop pair should guarantee enough compensation for the pawn. Usually, a draw is reached in the opposite-coloured bishop endings after the exchange of Black's dark-squared bishop for the knight.]
16...Bxd3 White has an edge.
[16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
17.Nd2 Qf5
[Resist 17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]
18.Bd4 Rfd8 Mikhalevski,V: 'Milanovic, Danilo: 'Ding used the same continuation on several occasions, most recently against Karjakin only a month prior to the World Cup. He managed to draw that game with no trouble."
[Levon Aronian usually options for 18...Rae8 (Mikhalevski,V) and manages to defend the position quite easily.]
19.a4 h6 20.h4 Rac8 Mikhalevski,V: 'The current game is the third test of 20. h4 and in all of them the Chinese GM reacted with 20...Rac8. Milanovic, Danilo: 'Diagram
[In a recent correspondence game White posed some problems after 20...Bf8 Mikhalevski,V 21.axb5 axb5 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.g4! Qxf3 24.Nxf3 f6 25.Re6 but, Black can still hold after Kh7! 26.Nd2 *(* a forced draw is reached after *26.Rxc6 Be4 27.Nd2 Ra1+ 28.Kh2 Rh1+ 29.Kg3 Rg1+ 30.Kh2 Rh1+=)* 26...h5∞ Perry,Dan - Schakel,Corky, corr 2018]



' The current game is the third test of 20. h4 and in all of them the Chinese GM reacted with 20...Rac8.' **21.Qxf5** Mikhalevski,V: 'The novelty. In two preceding games White captured the b5-pawn. Milanovic,Danilo: 'N' The novelty.

In two preceding games White captured the b5-pawn.'

[Mikhalevski,V: 'Earlier I analysed for you the first of these games.' 21.axb5 Mikhalevski,V: 'So,W (2799)-Ding Liren (2769) Berlin GER 2018 [Mikhalevski, Victor]' axb5 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Qxf5 *(23.Ra5 Qxf3 24.Nxf3 Re8 25.b4 f6 26.Ra6 Bf8 27.Ra7 Ra8* Karjakin,S (2750)-Ding,L (2805) Saint Louis 142/(127) 2019 Chess Informant 142 [Milanovic,Danilo] Mikhalevski,V: '=' Mikhalevski,V: 'Karjakin,Sergey 2750 - Ding, Liren 2805, Saint Louis 2019'*)* 23...Bxf5 Mikhalevski,V: 'transposes to the aforementioned game.' 24.Ra5 b4 25.Rxd5 Be6 26.Ra5 bxc3 27.Bxc3 Rb8 Mikhalevski,V: '⩲' Mikhalevski,V: 'So,Wesley 2799 - Ding,Liren 2769, Berlin (ct) 2018' 28.Nf1 Bb4 29.Raa1 Bc5 30.Ne3 Rd3 31.Red1 Rbd8 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Rd1 Rxd1+ 34.Nxd1 Bb3 35.Ne3 Bxe3 Sudgen,J (2799)-Winter (2769) ICCF email 2018 10 Great Ways [Bielczyk, Jacek; Przewoznik,Jan] ½-½ (37)]

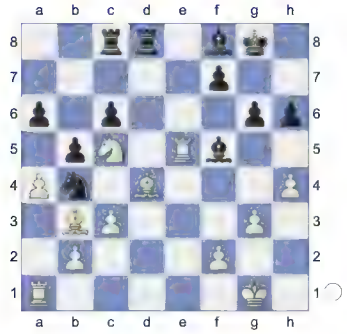
21...Bxf5 **22.Ne4** Mikhalevski,V: 'White would be happy to obtain the bishop pair advantage. Milanovic,Danilo: 'White did not exchange a-pawns trying to attack the a6-pawn soon'' **22...Bf8N** Mikhalevski,V: 'This retreat is not yet a mistake. Milanovic,Danilo: 'On his part, Ding chooses a more quiet move."

[22...c5 23.Nxd6 *(23.Bxd5* Mikhalevski,V *cxd4 24.Bb7 Rb8 25.Bxa6 bxa4 26.Rxa4 dxc3 27.bxc3 Bf8⩱)* 23...Rxd6 24.Be5 Rd7 25.axb5 *(*After *25.Bd1* Mikhalevski,V *f6 26.g4 Bd3 27.Bg3 b4 28.Rc1 bxc3 29.bxc3 g5* Black is fine thanks to his good minor pieces. Black is fine thanks to his good minor pieces.*)* 25...axb5 26.c4 Nb4 Mikhalevski,V: 'transposes to 25.c4.' 27.cxb5 c4

A) 28.Ba4 Mikhalevski,V Nd3 29.Re3 Nxe5 30.Rxe5 g6! Black is going to play 31...Rd2. Milanovic,Danilo: '=' Black is going to play 31...Rd2. 31.Rc1 Rd2 32.b3 *(*or *32.Bb3 Rxb2 33.Bxc4 Kg7 34.Ree1 Bd7=)* 32...Bc2! 33.Re3 Kg7 34.b6 Rb8 35.Rc3 Bd1! 36.Rxc4 Rxb6 37.R4c3 g5 and the bad position of the bishop on a4 yields Black equal chances.;

B) 28.Bd1 Nd3 29.Re3 Rd5 30.Bc3 Rxb5 31.Ba4 Ugge,A-Markus,R Italy 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] (31)]

23.Nc5 Mikhalevski,V: 'The same tactics. White attacks the a6-pawn and hopes to obtain the bishop pair. The same tactics. White attacks the a6-pawn and hopes to obtain the bishop pair.' **23...Nb4** Mikhalevski,V: 'An interesting tactical resource. Black creates a threat of 24... Bxc5 and 15...Nd3. An interesting tactical resource. Black creates a threat of 24...Bxc5 and 15...Nd3.' **24.Re5** Mikhalevski,V: 'Radjabov avoids a fork on d3 with tempo.' **24...g6** Mikhalevski, V: 'Milanovic,Danilo: 'Diagram



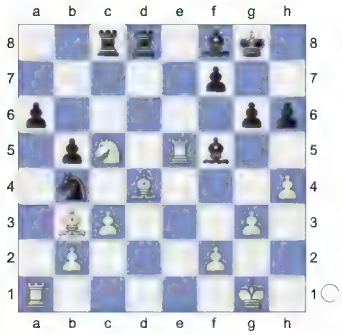
" **25.axb5** Mikhalevski,V: 'Milanovic, Danilo: '!"

[But not 25.cxb4 Rxd4 26.Nxa6 Ra8 27.axb5 Rxb4∓]

[It is necessary to capture on b5, as the following variation proves it: 25.Ne6 Mikhalevski,V Bxe6 26.Rxe6 fxe6 27.Bxe6+ Kh7 28.Bxc8 Nc2! and White cannot play Rc1.]

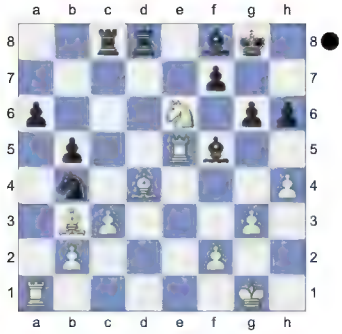
25...cxb5

[25...axb5 Mikhalevski,V 26.Ra7↑]



26.Ne6! Mikhalevski,V: 'A spectacular move, which is not as strong as it looks. Milanovic,Danilo: 'Diagram

[White does not gain much in case of 26.Nxa6 Mikhalevski,V Nc6 27.Rxb5 Nxd4 28.cxd4 Rxd4 29.Rb7 Rd7≅]



' A spectacular move, which is not as strong as it looks.' **26...Bxe6**

[26...fxe6? 3.11/24 (Mikhalevski,V) would be bad because of Mikhalevski,V, MH: '26...Bf5xe6 0.29 would be bad because of' 27.Rxf5!+- Nd5 Mikhalevski,V, MH 28.Bxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxd5 exd5 30.Rxa6+-]

27.Rxe6

[27.Bxe6 is more complex. fxe6 28.Be3 Nc2 29.Rxa6 Rd1+ 30.Kg2]

27...fxe6 28.Bxe6+ A strong pair of Bishops. **28...Kh7 29.Bxc8** aiming for Bh3.

[29.cxb4? (Mikhalevski,V) Mikhalevski,V, MH Rc6-+]

[29.Bf6 (Mikhalevski,V) (Mikhalevski, V, MH) with more complications. Nd3 30.Rxa6 Bc5 31.Kg2]

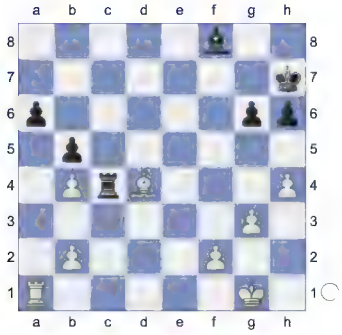
29...Rxc8 Mikhalevski,V: 'This move leads to the loss of a pawn, but Black retains good drawing chances due to the limited material and a big chance of obtaining a theoretically drawish rook endgame with 3 pawns versus two on the kingside. This move leads to the loss of a pawn, but Black retains good drawing chances due to the limited material and a big chance of obtaining a theoretically drawish rook endgame with 3 pawns versus two on the kingside.'

[Milanovic,Danilo: 'Obviously, White should have a slight edge in the opposite-coloured bishops ending, but still the game is much closer to a draw' 29...Nc2! (Mikhalevski,V) A serious alternative to the text. Milanovic,Danilo: '!?' 30.Rc1 Nxd4 31.cxd4

A) 31...Rxd4 looks more risky, although it may not miss a draw yet. looks more risky, although it may not miss a draw yet. 32.Bxa6 Rb4 33.Bb7 Rxb2 34.Be4 Kg7 35.Rc7+ Kf6 36.Rc6+ Ke5 *(36...Ke7 37.Rxg6)* 37.Bxg6± when White won a pawn, but Black retains drawing chances thanks to his passed b-pawn. when White won a pawn, but Black retains drawing chances thanks to his

passed b-pawn.;
B) 31...a5! 32.Ba6 *(32.Rc7+ Bg7 33.Ba6 b4 34.b3 Rxd4 35.Bc4)* 32...Rd5!? *(32...Bg7!?)* 33.Rc7+ Kh8 34.Rb7 Bg7 35.Bxb5 Bxd4 and threats of 36...Rf5 and 36. .. Bxb2 allow Black to equalise. and threats of 36...Rf5 and 36...Bxb2 allow Black to equalise. and threats of 36...Rf5 and 36. ..Bxb2 allow Black to equalise.]

30.cxb4± Endgame KRB-KRB **30...Rc4** Mikhalevski,V: 'Milanovic,Danilo: 'Diagram



At this point, White had more than an hour of advantage on the clock. Radjabov was well prepared, but it seemed like Ding was caught by surprise in a way. Now, Radjabov thought for a while and made the right decision''

31.Bf6 Mikhalevski,V: '!'
[31.Be5 0.09/26 (Mikhalevski,V) Mikhalevski,V, MH: '31.Bd4-f6 0.76' Bg7 32.Bxg7 *(32.Bd6 Rc6=)* 32...Kxg7 33.Rxa6 Rxb4 and if White decides to defend the pawn, his rook will end up being passive for a long time 34.Ra2 Kf6=]

31...Bg7 Mikhalevski,V: '!' Mikhalevski, V: 'Exchanging the dark-squared bishops is the correct tactic while down a pawn. Exchanging the dark-squared bishops is the correct tactic while down a pawn.'

32.Be7 Mikhalevski,V: '!' Mikhalevski,V: 'Obviously Timour tries to keep his bishop on the board.'
[Much weaker is 32.Rxa6 (Mikhalevski,V) Mikhalevski,V, MH Bxf6 33.Rxf6 Rxb4=]

32...Rc6 Mikhalevski,V: 'Milanovic, Danilo: '?!"
[After Milanovic,Danilo: 'Once again DIng postpones the concrete solution which would lead to a drawish conclusion:' 32...Bxb2!? Mikhalevski, V 33.Rxa6 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' Threatens to win with Ra6-b6.' Bc3 34.Kg2 *(34.Rb6 Bxb4 35.Bf6 Kg8! 36.Rxb5 Bc5 37.Rb2 Kf7±)* 34...Bxb4 35.Bf6 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' White threatens Ra6-a8 and mate.' Kg8 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '!' 36.Be5 g5 1.18/22 *(*Better is *36...Kf7±* 0.60/25 Mikhalevski,V, MH*)* 37.Rxh6 0.59/24 *(37.hxg5!±* 1.18/22 Mikhalevski,V, MH *hxg5 38.Rb6)* 37...gxh4 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' ±' 38.gxh4 Bc3 39.Bg3 b4 Black shouldn't have any problems to hold.]

33.Ra2 Kg8 0.81/26 Mikhalevski,V: '?!' Mikhalevski,V: 'An inaccuracy. Black had to trade bishops and keep his g6-pawn protected.'
[33...Be5!± 0.34/25
A) After 34.Bc5 0.17/24 (Mikhalevski,V) Mikhalevski,V, MH: '34.b2-b3 0.71' Bd6 White has no time for White has no time for 35.Ra3 Bxc5 36.Rc3 due to Bxf2+! 37.Kxf2 Rxc3 38.bxc3 Kg7 39.Ke3 Kf6 40.Kd4 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' c3-c4 would now be deadly.' Kf5 41.Kc5 h5 42.Kb6 Kg4 43.Kxa6 Kxg3 44.Kxb5 Kxh4 45.c4 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' Black must now prevent c4-c5.' g5 46.c5 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' c5-c6 is the

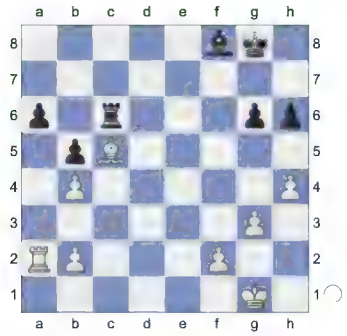
strong threat.' *(46.Ka6!? Mikhalevski,V, MH)* 46...g4 47.c6 *(47.Ka6!? Mikhalevski,V, MH)* 47...g3 48.c7 *(48.Ka6!? Mikhalevski,V, MH)* 48...g2 49.c8Q g1Q=;

B) 34.b3 Mikhalevski,V 34...Bd6 35.Re2 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '!' Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' And now Re2-e6 would win.' Kg7! 36.Re6 Rc1+ 37.Kg2 Bxe7 38.Rxe7+ Kf6 39.Ra7 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '!' Ra1 40.g4 Ra3 41.f3 Rxb3 42.Rxa6+ Kg7 with equal chances.]

[33...Bd4?! (Mikhalevski,V) is less accurate due to is less accurate due to 34.b3± Rc3 35.Kg2 *(35.Rxa6* 0.12/25 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '35.Kg1-g2 0.79' *Rxg3+)* 35...Rxb3 36.Rxa6 Rb2 37.Kf3 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' Prevents Rb2-e2' Rxf2+ 38.Ke4± the active king may play a vital role in this endgame, especially with the b-pawns still alive on the board.]

34.Bc5± Kf7

[Milanovic,Danilo: 'Instead, Black should have gone for the rook ending after' 34...Bf8! (Mikhalevski,V) was necessary. Once again White has no time to pin the bishop on c5. However, this time he retains winning chances after Milanovic,Danilo: 'Diagram



or' was necessary. Once again White has no time to pin the bishop on c5. However, this time he retains winning chances after

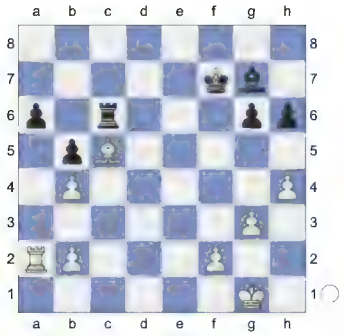
A) 35.Kg2

A1) 35...Bxc5 36.bxc5 Rxc5 2.08/24 *(36...Kf7±* 1.35/21 (Mikhalevski,V, MH) was called for. *)* 37.Rxa6 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '+-' Kg7 38.Rb6+-;

A2) 35...Kg7! Black must defend his pawns before the bishop swap 36.Ra1 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '!' Bxc5 37.Rc1 Mikhalevski, V, MH: '!' Kf6 38.Rxc5 Rd6 with a drawish conclusion;

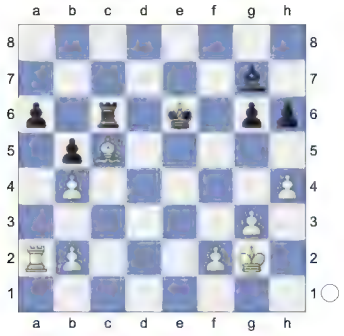
B) 35.Ra3 Bxc5 36.bxc5! *(36.Rc3* 0.00/21 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '36.b4xc5 0.72' *Bxf2+!=)* 36...Kf7! The saving move. *(36...Rxc5?* 1.83/26 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '36...Kg8-f7 0.73' *37.Rxa6 Kg7 38.Rb6+-* is risky for Black. is risky for Black.*)* 37.b4 Ke6 38.Rd3 0.24/21 *(38.Kg2±* 0.73/22 Mikhalevski,V, MH*)* 38...a5 Milanovic,Danilo: 'and Black should be very close to a draw.' 39.bxa5 Rxc5 40.a6 0.08/27 *(40.Rb3±* 0.47/23 Mikhalevski,V, MH*)* 40...Rc1+ Mikhalevski,V, MH: '=' 41.Kg2 Ra1 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' Prevents Rd3-a3.' 42.Rb3 Rxa6 43.Rxb5 h5 with a theoretically drawn endgame.]

(Diagram)



Mikhalevski,V: '?' Mikhalevski,V: 'Only this move seems to be a mistake, which puts Black on the edge of a precipice. Milanovic,Danilo: 'Ding makes yet another inacurrate move. The black king stands better on g7, and the game continuation proves it.' Only this move seems to be a mistake, which puts Black on the edge of a precipice.' **35.Kg2! Ke6**

[35...Bf8! (Mikhalevski,V) was still the best practical chance. 36.Kf3 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '!' Bxc5 37.bxc5 Rxc5 38.Rxa6 Rc2 *(38...h5* 2.51/25 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '38...Rc5-d5 1.67' *39.Rb6±)* 39.h5!± with a dangerous position for Black in both cases. with a dangerous position for Black in both cases. gxh5 40.Rxh6 Rc5 *(40...Rxb2 41.Rxh5+-)* 41.b4+-]

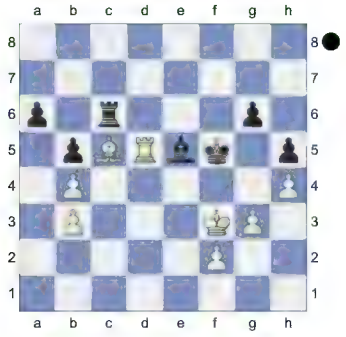


36.b3 Mikhalevski,V: '±' Mikhalevski,V: 'Now Black is in trouble.' **36...h5 37.Kf3 Kf5 38.Rd2** Mikhalevski,V: 'A very easy winning plan. White plays Rd5, then Ke4 and finally advances the f-pawn to f5. Milanovic,Danilo: '!' A very easy winning plan. White plays Rd5, then Ke4 and finally advances the f-pawn to f5.' **38...Be5**

[38...a5 3.74/27 (Mikhalevski,V) Mikhalevski,V, MH: '?' Mikhalevski,V, MH: '38...Bg7-e5 1.35' 39.Rd5+ Ke6 40.Rg5+-]

39.Rd5 Hoping for Bd4. Mikhalevski,V: 'Milanovic,Danilo: 'Diagram

[39.Rd1 Mikhalevski,V Re6 *(39...Kf6* 2.73/25 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '41...Rc6-e6 1.26' *40.Ke4!)* 40.Rd5 Mikhalevski, V, MH: ' Strongly threatening Bc5-d4.' Kf6 41.g4 hxg4+ 42.Kxg4 Bc7± with practical chances to save the game.]



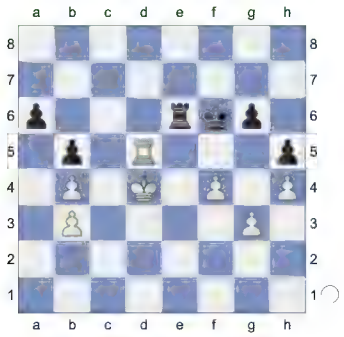
" **39...Ke6** 2.41/23 Mikhalevski,V: '?' Mikhalevski,V: 'It seems that Ding didn't believe in his chances any more. It seems that Ding didn't believe in his chances any more.'

[39...Kf6± 1.12/27 40.Ke4 *(*White should play *40.Rd8±* 1.59/25 (Mikhalevski,V) (Mikhalevski,V, MH) Hoping for Kf3-e4. *Bc7 41.Rc8; 40.Rd3* (Mikhalevski,V) Mikhalevski,V, MH *Kf5)* 40...Re6 41.Kd3 (Mikhalevski,V) There is no concrete win after

A) 41...Re8 42.f4 Bb2 2.30/26 *(42...Bb8±* 1.57/24 Mikhalevski,V,

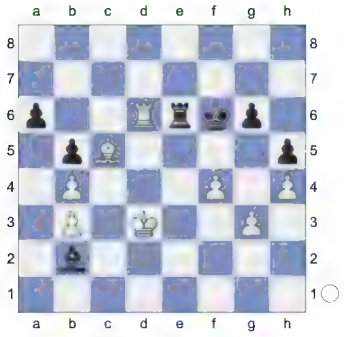
MH *43.Bb6 Kf7)*

A1) 43.Bd4+ 1.21/26 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '43.Rd5-d6+ 2.05' Bxd4 44.Kxd4 Re6 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '



Prevents Rd5-d6.' 45.Kc5 0.45/25 *(White should try 45.Rc5!±* 0.88/25 Mikhalevski,V, MH *)* 45...Re3;

A2) 43.Rd6+! Mikhalevski,V, MH: '+-!' 43...Kf5 *(43...Re6?* 4.48/26 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '43... Kf6-f5 2.36



' *44.Bd4+! Bxd4 45.Rxe6+ Kxe6 46.Kxd4+-)* 44.Rxa6 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' aiming for Ra6-b6.' Rg8 with at least some counter-play after Kg4;

B) 41...Kf7 42.f4 Bf6± 1.43/24 *(⌓42...Bb2* 0.96/26 Mikhalevski,V, MH *)*]

40.Ke4+- Mikhalevski,V: 'Now it's over.'

40...Bf6

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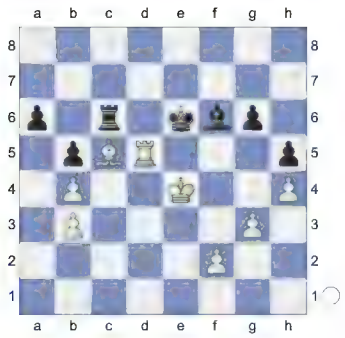

41.f4 Bc3 3.19/25

[41...Kf7 2.02/24 (Mikhalevski,V) (Mikhalevski,V, MH) was necessary. 42.Rd7+ Ke6]

42.f5+ Mikhalevski,V: 'Mikhalevski,V, MH: '+-" **42...Kf7**

[42...gxf5+ Mikhalevski,V 43.Rxf5+-]

43.Rd7+ 1.16/25

[White should try 43.Rd3+- 1.66/25 Bg7 44.Rd7+ Kg8 45.Rd5]

43...Kg8? 5.03/24

[Mikhalevski,V: 'or' 43...Ke8± 1.16/25 is more resistant. Mikhalevski,V: 'Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' ⌓ " 44.Rh7 Mikhalevski,V: '+-' *(44.Re7+* (Mikhalevski,V) Mikhalevski,V, MH *Kd8)* 44...gxf5+ 45.Kf3 *(45.Kxf5 Rf6+ 46.Kg5 Rf3+- 47.g4* Mikhalevski,V *hxg4 48.Re7+ Kd8 49.Kxg4+-)* 45...a5 46.Rxh5 axb4]

44.Bd6 White is clearly winning. Mikhalevski,V: '!' Mikhalevski,V: 'Mikhalevski,V, MH: '+-!"

[Weaker is 44.Kd5 (Mikhalevski,V) Mikhalevski,V, MH Rf6±]

44...gxf5+ 45.Kxf5 Bg7

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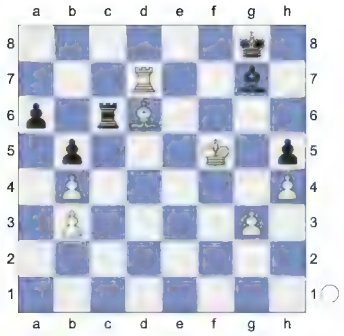
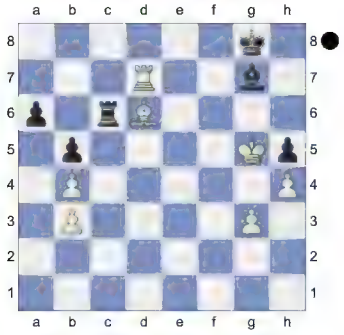


46.Kg5

[46.Kg6?? -1.80/25 (Mikhalevski,V) Mikhalevski,V, MH: '46.Kf5-g5 4.80' Bf8∓ 47.Kxh5 Mikhalevski,V, MH Rxd6-+ *(47...Bxd6? 48.Rd8+ Kf7 49.g4-+)*]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.37 Mikhalevski,V: '!' Mikhalevski,V: 'Avoiding the very last trick. Black loses the h5-pawn and so he resigned. A convincing win for the Azeri GM, but his novelty doesn't seem to set serious problems. Black has at least a few ways to hold a draw, starting with 22...c5. Milanovic,Danilo: 'Obviously, Ding played way below his usual standard. He made way too many small mistakes in a slightly inferior position thus allowing Radjabov to level the score. ' Avoiding the very last trick. Black loses the h5-pawn and so he resigned. A convincing win for the Azeri GM, but his novelty doesn't seem to set serious problems. Black has at least a few ways to hold a draw, starting with 22...c5.'

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□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2756**

■ **Ding,Liren** **2812**

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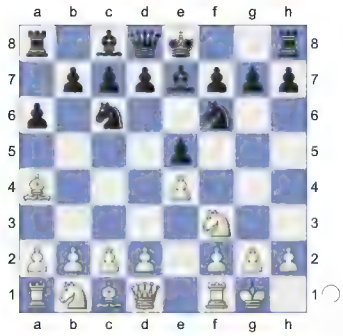
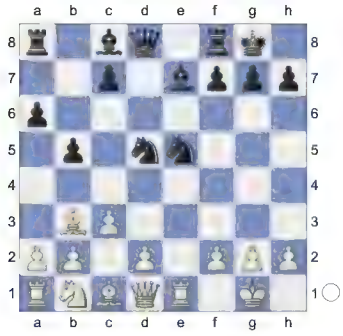
[Mikhalevski,V]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3

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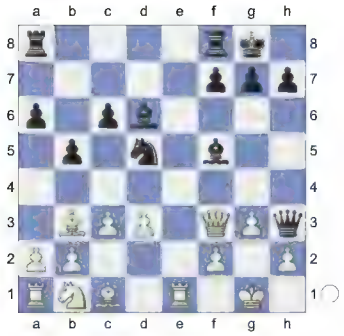


Milanovic,Danilo: '*' **16.Nd2** According to theory this line doesn't promise any advantage for White. Either Radjabov prepared an improvement or he is happy with a draw. According to theory this line doesn't promise any advantage for White. Either Radjabov prepared an improvement or he is happy with a draw.

[Most of the recent games on the top level feature 16.Be3 like So,W (2799)-Ding Liren (2769) Berlin GER 2018 [Mikhalevski,V]]

[Earlier White preferred Earlier White preferred 16.Bxd5 Paravyan,D (2525)-Swiercz,D (2645) Moscow RUS 2017 [Mikhalevski,V] Paravyan,D (2525)-Swiercz,D (2645) Moscow RUS 2017 [Mikhalevski,V] Paravyan,D (2525)-Swiercz,D (2645) Moscow RUS 2017 [Mikhalevski,V] cxd5 17.Qxd5 Rad8 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ *(18...Qh5 - 131/126)* 19.Kxg2 Bxd3⩱]

16...Rae8 17.Ne4 The point of the previous move. White blocks the e-file with the knight in order to avoid an exchange of rooks. The point of the previous move. White blocks the e-file with the knight in order to avoid an exchange of rooks. **17...Bg4!** This move forces the white queen to g2. **18.Qg2**

[18.Qh1 loses to f5-+]

18...Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5 An attempt to win a piece. That's why an exchange of queens was initiated. An attempt to win a piece. That's why an exchange of queens was initiated. **20.h3**

[White also tested the immediate 20.Bf4 This move leads to the text, but with the h-pawn on h2. Bxf4 21.gxf4 fxe4 22.dxe4 Bf3+! 23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.f3 Re5 27.c4 bxc4 28.Bxc4 a5 29.Rc1 Kf8 30.Bxd5 *(30.h4!?* deserved attention, to stop 30... Rg5. deserved attention, to stop 30...Rg5. deserved attention, to stop 30... Rg5.*)* 30...Rg5+ 31.Kf4 Rxd5 32.Rxc6 Rd2 33.Ra6 Rxh2 34.Rxa5 Rxb2 and soon a draw was agreed in Polgar,J (2735)-Svidler,P (2738) San Luis 2005]

20...Bh5

21.Bf4! A nice tactical idea. White blocks the f-file in order to prevent ...Bf3+ after 21...fxe4 22.dxe4. A nice tactical idea. White blocks the f-file in order to prevent ...Bf3+ after 21...fxe4 22.dxe4. **21...Bxf4 22.gxf4 fxe4 23.dxe4 Bf3+!** In order to save the knight on d5 Black gives back the light-squared bishop, in exchange for two pawns. In order to save the knight on d5 Black gives back the light-squared bishop, in exchange for two pawns. **24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4**

(Diagram)

26.Rxe4 Rxe4 This position has been seen a few times, and at least three of them were played by Aronian. The endgame is slightly more pleasant for White thanks to the bishop vs knight advantage in an open position. Additionally R+B is usually a better combination than R+N. This position has been seen a few times, and at least three of them were played by Aronian. The endgame is slightly more pleasant for White thanks to the bishop vs knight advantage in an open position. Additionally R+B is usually a better combination than R+N. **27.f3 Re2!** Aronian demonstrated this defence back in 2005. Aronian demonstrated this defence back in 2005.

[In two other games the Armenian GM retreated the rook to e5. In two other games the Armenian GM retreated the rook to e5. 27...Re5 28.c4 bxc4 29.Bxc4 a5 30.Rc1 Rg5+ 31.Kf2 Kf8 32.Bd3 Radjabov played like this four years ago. *(* Earlier Levon faced *32.Bf1 Ne7 33.Rc4 Rd5 34.Ra4 Ke8 35.Bc4 Rd2+ 36.Ke3 Rxb2 37.Rxa5 Kd7* and Black held a draw in Polgar,J (2707)-Aronian,L (2739) Wijk aan Zee 2008. and Black held a draw in Polgar,J (2707)-Aronian,L (2739) Wijk aan Zee 2008.*)* 32...Nb4 33.Bxh7 g6 34.Rd1 Nxa2 35.Ra1 Nb4 36.h4 Rh5 37.Bxg6 Rxh4 38.Kg3 Rd4 39.Rxa5 Rd2 40.b3 Rb2 Black won back the b2-pawn and achieved a drawish endgame. 1/ 2-1/2 (56) Radjabov,T (2734)-Aronian,L (2797) Wijk aan Zee 2015 Black won back the b2-pawn and achieved a drawish endgame. ↑ -↑ (56) Radjabov, T (2734)-Aronian,L (2797) Wijk aan Zee 2015 Black won back the b2-pawn and achieved a drawish endgame. 1/ 2-1/2 (56) Radjabov,T (2734)-Aronian,L (2797) Wijk aan Zee 2015]

28.c4! The only attempt to set problems is to create weak pawns on the queenside. **28...bxc4 29.Bxc4 Rxb2 30.Bxa6** White has obtained a passed pawn. **30...g5!** A strong move, which fixes the white pawns on dark squares. Milanovic,Danilo: 'Diagram

' A strong move, which fixes the white pawns on dark squares. **31.Bc4** Only this move is new. White wants to advance his a-pawn and thus force the black rook back into a passive position. Milanovic,Danilo: 'N' 'N' Only this move is new. White wants to advance his a-pawn and thus force the black rook back into a passive position.

[In the only preceding game White played 31.a4 , but after Kg7! 32.a5 Nf4 33.Bf1 Kg6! 34.h4 Kf5! 35.a6 a draw was agreed in Nakamura,H (2613)-Aronian,L (2684) Caleta 2005

in view of Nh5+ 36.Kh3 Nf4+=]

31...Kg7! Following Aronian's advice. Now White has to eliminate the potentially strong knight. Otherwise both 32...Ne3 and 32... Nf4 will be dangerous. Following Aronian's advice. Now White has to eliminate the potentially strong knight. Otherwise both 32...Ne3 and 32... Nf4 will be dangerous. Following Aronian's advice. Now White has to eliminate the potentially strong knight. Otherwise both 32...Ne3 and 32... Nf4 will be dangerous. **32.Bxd5 cxd5 33.a4** Time to advance the passed pawn. **33...h5!** Black seems to fully ignore the a-pawn, but in fact he has created serious counterplay. Black seems to fully ignore the a-pawn, but in fact he has created serious counterplay. **34.h4** White solves the problem of his king.

[In case of In case of 34.a5 h4+ 35.Kg4 Kg6 White has to play 36.f4 in order to prevent the two checkmates from g2 and b4. in order to prevent the two checkmates from g2 and b4. Rb4! 37.Kf3 *(37.Rf1 Ra4* is equal. *)* 37...Rxf4+ 38.Ke3 Re4+ 39.Kd3 Re8 40.a6 Ra8 41.Ra4 Kf5 42.a7 g4 43.hxg4+ Kg5 44.Ke3 h3 45.Kf3 h2 46.Kg2 d4! with an easy draw.]

34...Kg6 35.a5 Rb7!?

[Another option is 35...gxh4+ 36.Kxh4 Kf5 37.a6 Rb8 38.a7 Ra8 39.Ra4 d4! 40.Kg3 Rg8+ 41.Kf2 Ra8 and eventually Black will force an exchange of his pawns for the a7-pawn with a dead draw. and eventually Black will force an exchange of his pawns for the a7-pawn with a dead draw.]

(Diagram)

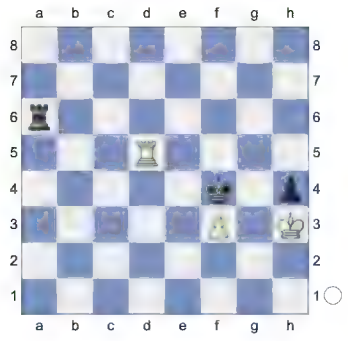
Although the rook will be passive Black achieves a draw with ease. Milanovic, Danilo: '=' '=' **36.a6 Ra7 37.hxg5 Kxg5 38.Ra5**

[38.f4+ Kf5 39.Kf3 Kf6 40.Ra5 *(or 40.Ke3 h4* and Black is going to deflect the rook from a1. and Black is going to deflect the rook from a1.*)* 40...Ke6]

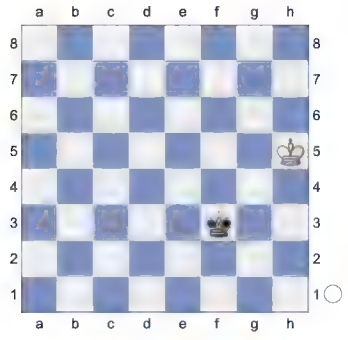
38...h4+ 39.Kh3

[39.Kg2 Kf4 is also very drawish. is also very drawish.]

39...Kf4 40.Rxd5 Rxa6



41.Kxh4 Rh6+ 42.Rh5 Rxh5+ 43.Kxh5 Kxf3



A well-played, mistake-free game.

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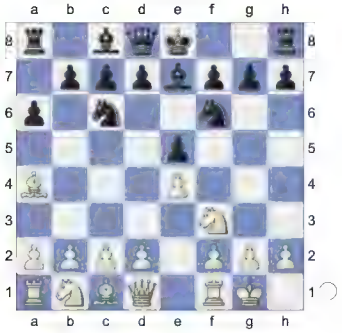
½-½

153 **C89**
□ **Sasikiran,Krishnan** **2678**
■ **Svane,Rasmus** **2599**
Moscow Aeroflot op-A 18th (2) 21.02.19
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

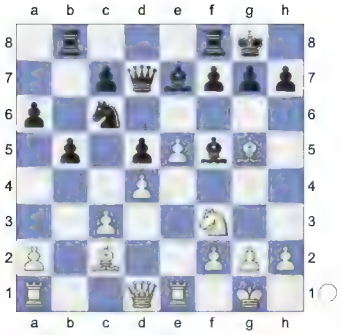


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 exd4 10.e5 Ne4

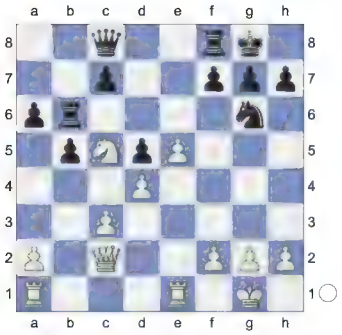
(Diagram)

11.cxd4 Bg4 12.Nc3 The position is equal. **12...Nxc3**
[12...Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 f5 15.Kh1 Na5 16.Rg1 Qd7 17.Qe2 Qe6 18.Bg5 c6 19.Bc2 Ra7 20.f4 Kh8 21.Qh5 Ba3 22.Rg3 Nc4 23.Rag1 Qf7 24.Qh4 Nd2 25.Rh3 Qg8 26.f3 Nc4 27.Bd3 Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2737)-Campos (2664) Pinamar 2003 Telechess CBM 89 [Game 111] 1-0 (31)]
13.bxc3 Qd7
[13...Na5 14.Bc2 Nc4 15.Qd3 g6 16.Qe2 a5 17.h3 Be6 18.Nd2 Na3 19.Bd3 Rb8 20.Nf1 b4 21.f4 Qc8 22.Ne3 c5 23.Bxa3 bxa3 24.f5 cxd4 25.cxd4 gxf5 26.Qh5 Qc6 27.Nxf5 Bxf5 28.Bxf5 Kochavi,D (1960)-Magen,A (2087) Rabat Gan 2023 1-0 (42)]
14.Bc2 Bf5 15.Bg5N
[15.h3 Bxc2 16.Qxc2 Nd8 17.a4 Ne6 18.Be3 Rfc8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Qb2 h6 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Ra1 Ra4 23.Ne1 Qc6 24.Rb1 b4 25.cxb4 Rxb4 26.Qa1 Rxb1 27.Qxb1 Qc4 ½-½ (27) Feys,B (2617)-Ferragut,A (2708) Tilburg 2022 ICCF 2019 [John Watson]]
15...Rab8

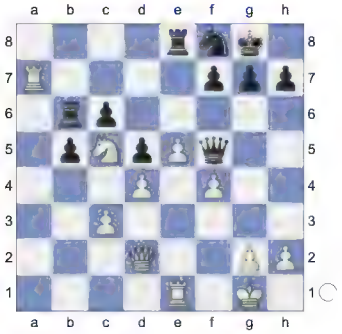
(Diagram)



16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Nd2 Bxc2 18.Qxc2 Rb6 19.Nb3 Ng6 20.Nc5 Qc8

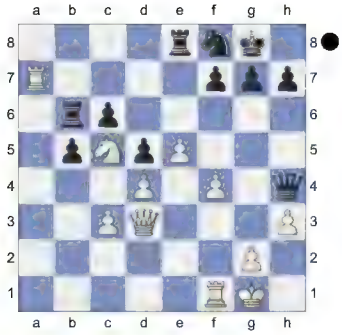


21.Qd2 Re8 22.a4 Nf8 0.91/19
[22...a5± 0.49/20]
23.axb5± axb5 24.f4 Qf5 25.Ra7 c6 1.45/21
[⌓25...Ne6 0.76/21]

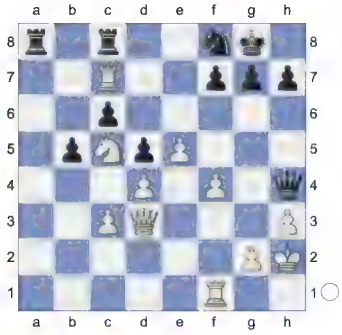


26.Qd3 0x0.002ef33e30dfdp-1022s more active pieces. **26...Qg4** 2.02/24
[26...g6± 1.54/22 27.Qxf5 gxf5]
27.h3+- Qh4 28.Rf1

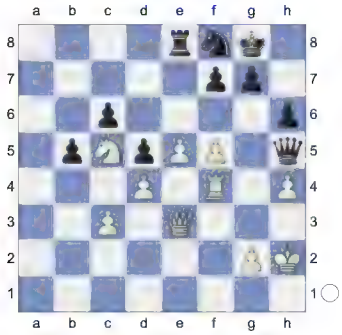
(Diagram)



aiming for Qf5. **28...Rbb8 29.Kh2** Strongly threatening Qf5.
[But not 29.Qf5 Re7 30.Rxe7 Qxe7±]
29...Ra8 30.Rc7 Rec8

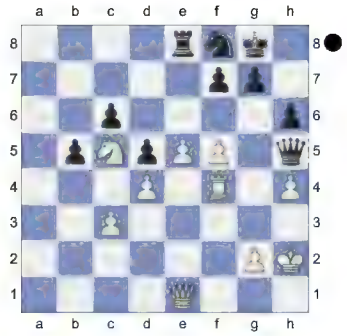


31.Rxc8→ White is out for blood.
31...Rxc8 32.f5 Re8 2.01/24
[32...Rc7± 1.60/22 33.Ra1 Qf4+ 34.Kg1 Rc8]
33.Qe3 h6 34.Rf4 Qg5 3.43/25
[⌓34...Qh5 2.38/25 35.Qg3 Nh7]
35.h4 Qh5



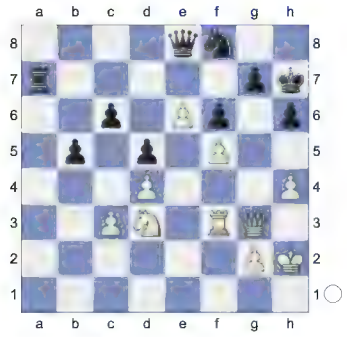
36.Qe1

(Diagram)

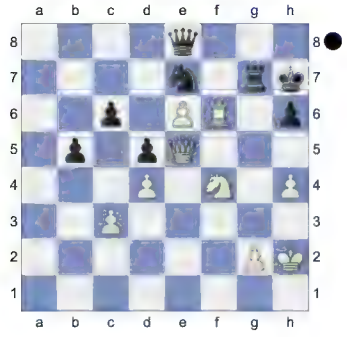


g4 is the strong threat. **36...f6 37.e6 Re7 38.Qg3 Kh7 39.Rf3 Ra7 40.Nd3 Qe8** 5.26/23

[40...Ra8 3.53/23 might work better. 41.e7 Nd7]



Inhibits Qb8. **41.Qd6** White is clearly winning. **41...g6 42.fxg6+ Nxg6 43.Rxf6** Hoping for Nf4. **43...Rg7 44.Nf4 Ne7 45.Qe5**



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154 **C89**

□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2758**

■ **Ding,Liren** **2811**

Khanty-Mansiysk (m/1) 142/(127) 2019

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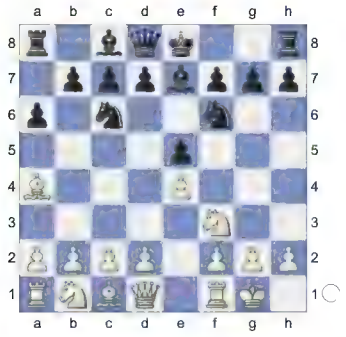

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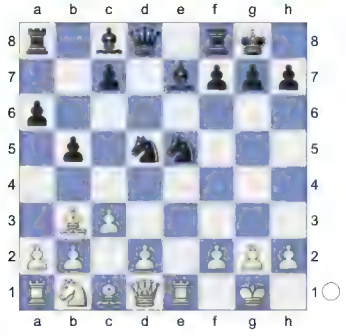
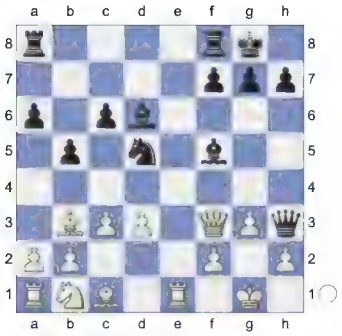


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3

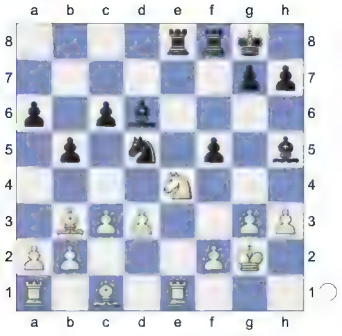
[Don't play 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4 16.g3∓)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]

15...Qh3

(Diagram)



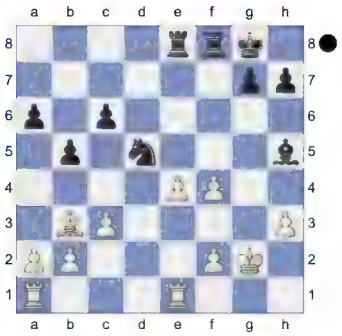
* **16.Nd2 Rae8! 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2** h2-h3 would now be deadly. **19...f5 20.h3 Bh5**



21.Bf4 Bxf4

[Reject 21...fxe4 22.Bxd6 Rf6 23.dxe4 Rxd6 24.exd5+-]

22.gxf4 Black must now prevent Bb3xd5+. **22...fxe4 23.dxe4**



Pin **23...Bf3+!** Decoy **24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4**

(Diagram)

26.Rxe4 Rxe4± Diagram

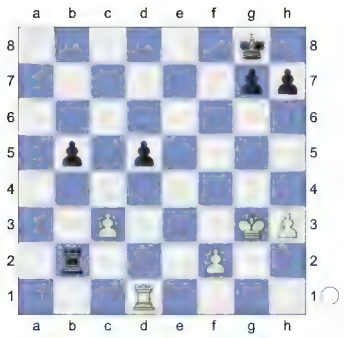
Endgame. KRB-KRN **27.a4N**

[27.f3 - 142/(127) Re5 28.c4 bxc4 29.Bxc4 a5 30.Rc1 Rg5+ 31.Kf2 Kf8 32.Bd3 *(32.Bf1 Ne7 33.Rc4 Rd5 34.Ra4 Ke8 35.Bc4 Rd2+ 36.Ke3 Rxb2 37.Rxa5 Kd7 38.f4 Kd6 39.f5 Rh2 40.Bf1 Nd5+ 41.Kf3 Rc2 42.a4 Rc3+ 43.Kf2 Rc2+ 44.Kf3 Rc3+ 45.Kf2 Ne7 46.f6 gxf6* ½-½ Polgar,J (2707)-Aronian,L (2739) Corus A Wijk aan Zee NED 2008 (13) *)* 32...Nb4 33.Bxh7 g6 34.Rd1 Nxa2 35.Ra1 Nb4 36.h4 Rh5 37.Bxg6 Rxh4 38.Kg3 Rd4 39.Rxa5 Rd2 40.b3 Rb2 41.Ra3 Kg7 Radjabov,T (2734)-Aronian,L (2797) 124/(114) Wijk aan Zee 2015]

[27.Kf3 Rf4+ ½-½ Hammari,V (2120)-Aamodt,P (2188) Budapest FS09 IM 2024 (5)]

27...Re2! The position is equal. **28.axb5 axb5 29.Bxd5+ cxd5 30.Rd1 Rxb2**

(Diagram)



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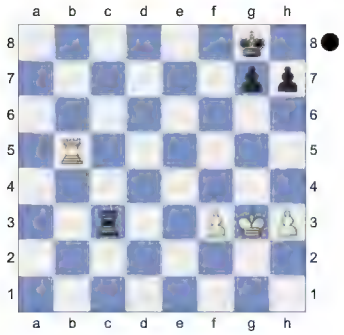

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½-½

155 **C89**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2870**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2801**
Kolkata (rapid) 142/(128) 2019
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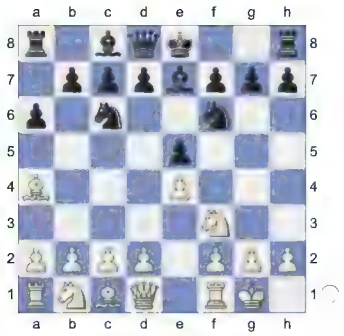

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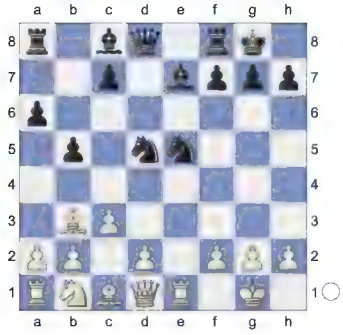

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[But not 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4 16.g3∓)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
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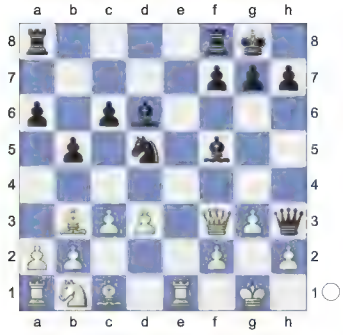
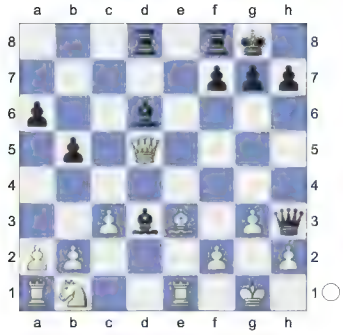
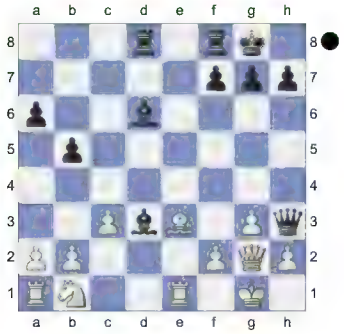


16.Be3 Bxd3 * White is slightly better.
17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Qxd5 Rad8!



Strongly threatening ...Bd6-a3! **19.Qg2** Diagram
[19.Qxd3? too greedy. Bxg3 20.hxg3 Rxd3-+]
[19.Qf3 Bc4 *(19...Rfe8 20.Nd2 Qf5 21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.Bd4 f6 23.f3 b4 24.Ne4 Bc7 25.Kf2 bxc3 26.bxc3*

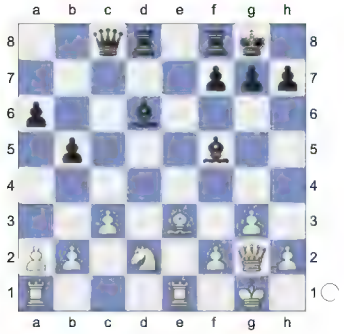
Rb8 27.Re2 Kf7 28.Rd1 h5 29.Bc5 Kg6 30.Bd4 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2548)-Anand,V (2785) Leon 18th rapid 2005 (1.2) *)* 20.Nd2 Be6 21.Bd4 Bb8 22.Qg2 Qh5 23.f3 Qg6 24.a3 h5 25.Re2 Rd5 26.Rae1 Rfd8 27.Ne4 Bd6 28.Qf2 Rf5 29.Nxd6 ½-½ Anand,V (2799)-Aronian,L (2739) Nice (rapid) 102/(258) 2008]



19...Qc8!?N

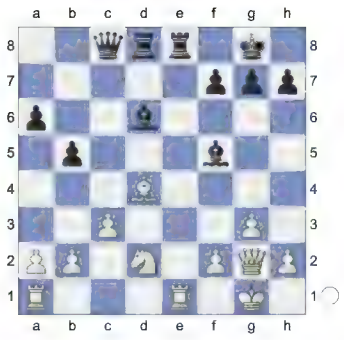
[19...Qh5 - 101/264 20.Nd2 Bf5 21.Bd4 Be6 22.Qf3 Qg6 23.Qe4 Qh5 24.Qf3 Qg6 25.Qe4 Qh5 26.Qf3 The Dangerous D3-A231 Qg2 2009]

20.Nd2 Bf5



This pair of bishops is nice. **21.Bd4 Rfe8⩲**

(Diagram)



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156 **C89**
□ **Blomqvist,Erik** **2499**
■ **Svidler,Peter** **2756**
34th ECC Open 2018 (6.4) 17.10.2018
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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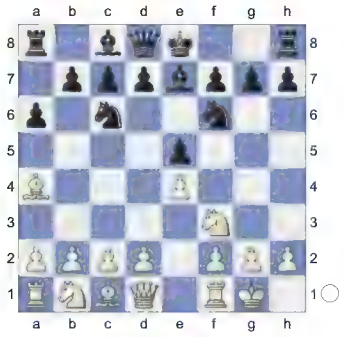

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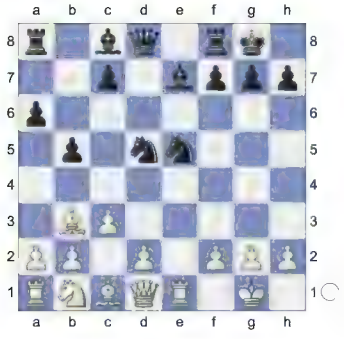

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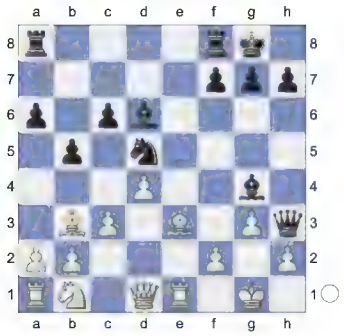

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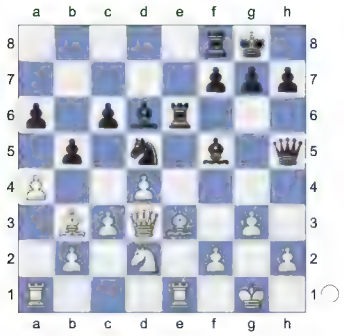
[20.Qe2 Bg4 21.f3 Rxe3 22.Qf2 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Bd7 24.Ne4 Qg6 25.Bc2 Bf5 26.Re2 Lopez,R-16.♕d3 ♖ae8 17. ♘d2 ♖e Survey 2011 Lexikon11 [Ftacnik]]

20...Bf5



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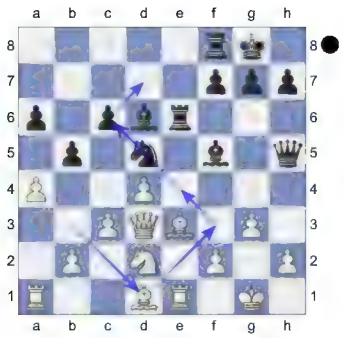
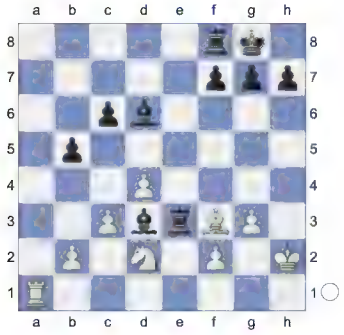


Qxh2+! The position is equal. **22.Kxh2 Bxd3 23.axb5 axb5 24.Bf3 Nxe3** 0.55/21

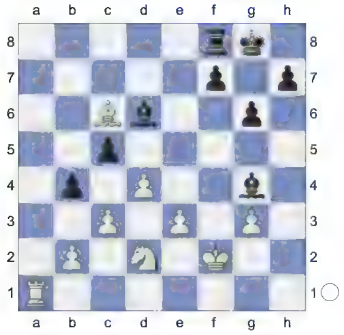
[24...f5= 0.00/19]

25.Rxe3± Rxe3



26.fxe3 c5 27.Be4 Be2 28.Kg2 g6 29.Kf2 Bg4 30.Bc6 b4 1.86/22

[30...cxd4± 0.86/20 31.exd4 f5]



31.Ne4+- Be7 32.Ra7

[32.Nxc5 bxc3 33.bxc3 Rc8±]

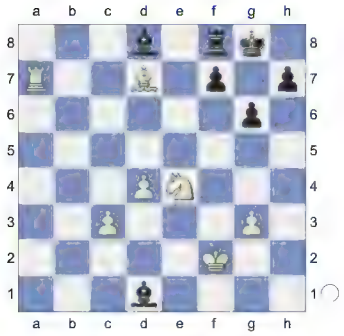
32...bxc3 33.bxc3

[33.Rxe7? c2 34.Nf6+ Kg7 35.Nxg4 c1Q-+]

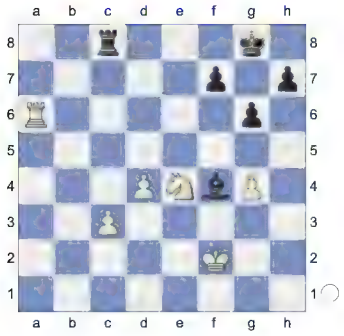
33...Bd8 2.99/23

[⌓33...Rc8 1.70/22]

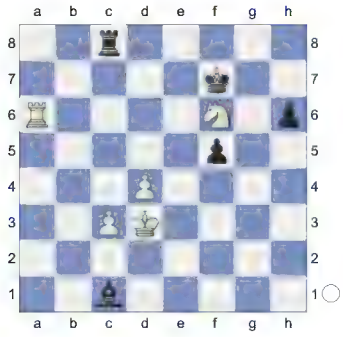
34.Bd7? 0.62/23
[34.Nxc5 Bb6 35.Ra6 Bxc5±]
[White should play 34.dxc5+- 2.99/23 Strongly threatening Bd5. Bf5 35.Kf3]
34...cxd4± 35.exd4
[35.Bxg4 dxe3+ 36.Ke2 f5=]
35...Bd1 1.36/20
[35...Bxd7± 0.69/20 36.Rxd7 f5]



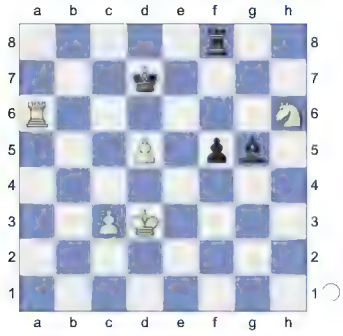
36.Ba4 0.36/21
[36.Ke3± 1.36/20]
36...Bb6 0.67/24 **37.Ra6 Bxa4 38.Rxa4** Endgame Hoping for Nf6+. KRB-KRN **38...Rc8** 1.15/22
[38...f5± 0.70/21 39.Nd6 Rd8]
39.Ra6± Bc7 1.36/21
[⌓39...Bd8 1.05/21]
40.g4 0.78/20
[⌓40.c4 1.36/21]
40...Bf4



41.Kf3 Bc1 42.Ke2 f5 43.gxf5 gxf5 44.Nf6+ Kf7 45.Kd3
[Reject 45.Nxh7 Rxc3 46.Rf6+ Kg7 47.Rxf5 Kxh7=]
45...h6 1.08/21
[45...Bg5!± 0.41/21 46.Nd7 *(46.Nxh7 Bh4=)* 46...Re8]



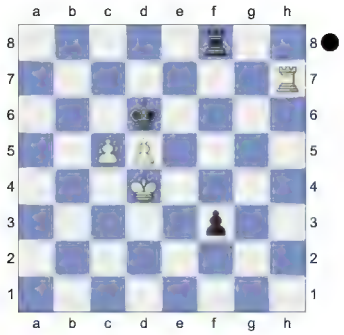
46.Nd7 Bg5 1.76/21
[46...Kg7± 1.32/20 47.Ne5 Bf4]
47.Ne5+ 1.22/21
[47.c4+- 1.76/21]
47...Ke7 2.38/21
[47...Kg7± 1.22/21]
48.d5 Kd8 2.92/20
[⌓48...Kf8 1.78/22 49.c4 Re8]
49.Nf7+ Kd7 2.80/18
[49...Ke7 1.81/21 is a better defense.]
50.Nxh6 Rf8



51.c4 Bxh6? 3.53/23
[51...Kc7 1.74/22 might work better. 52.Rg6 Bc1]
52.Rxh6+- And now c5 would win.
52...f4 53.Rh7+
[Worse is 53.c5 f3 54.Rh7+ Kd8=]
53...Kd6? #13/20
[53...Kc8+- 3.32/24 54.Ra7 Kb8]
54.Kd4 f3? #1/6
[54...Rc8+- 3.33/5 55.c5+ Rxc5

56.Rh6+ Ke7 57.Kxc5 f3 58.d6+ Kf7 59.d7 f2]

55.c5#



Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.72. Loss on time!?

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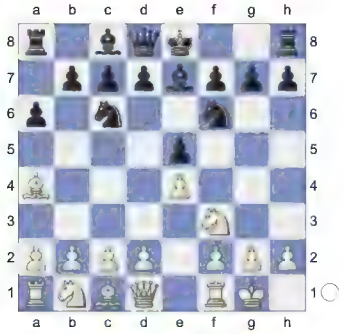
□ **Anand,V.** **2768**

■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2766**

6th Sinquefield Cup 2018 (7.3) 25.08.18

[Mikhalevski,Victor]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)

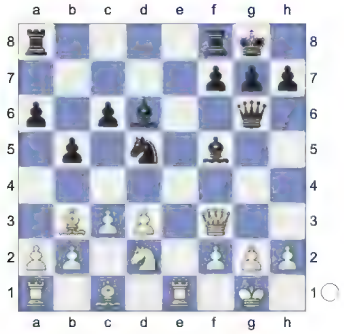
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Frankly, I don't understand why White thinks he can obtain an edge in this variation, as the ensuing position is symmetrical and Black is the first to create some tension in the centre. Grigoriants, Sergey: 'It's a harmless move. Black easily equalizes with d6-d5, followed by a6-a5.' **13...Bf5 14.Qf3 Qf6!** Grigoriants, Sergey: 'Of course, we must play d6-d5 and threaten to take on e4.'

[14...Qh4]

15.Nd2 Grigoriants, Sergey: 'A usual move to protect the e4 pawn.'

[15.Bxd5]

15...Qg6!



The most accurate. Grischuk prevents White from taking space on the queenside by means of 16.b4. The most accurate. Grischuk prevents White from taking space on the queenside by means of 16.b4. Grigoriants, Sergey: '=!' Grigoriants, Sergey: 'An important significant move. Black is exactly in time

to stop b4, which could be the only active plan for white.' **16.Bd1** Anand is preparing a trade on d5 followed by d4.

[16.Ne4= Bg4!?]

16...Bxd3!? Grigoriants, Sergey: '!' would transpose to the text. Grigoriants, Sergey: 'Simply preparing ♖d8.' **17.Ne4 Bxe4** Alex supports the centre. Alex supports the centre. Grigoriants, Sergey: '!' Grigoriants, Sergey: 'Black is in time. He safely protects the d5 pawn.' **18.Qxe4** Grigoriants, Sergey: 'White has no better option than to simplify in the center.' **18...Qxe4**

[18...f5! 19.Qe6+ Qxe6 20.Rxe6 Rae8 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 and White has to repeat moves. 22.Kf1]

19.Rxe4 This move leads to massive trades and equality, but the alternatives are not better. Grigoriants, Sergey: 'The black queen on the X-ray on the d-file might seem scary, but black is just fine with some accurate moves.' **19...Rae8** Grigoriants, Sergey: '!' Grigoriants, Sergey: '- see the game.'

[19...Rfe8 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8]

20.Rxe8 Rxe8

21.Kf1! This capture is necessary.

21...Bf4!

[21...Be5 22.Bd2-+ with a decisive advantage for Black. b4 is better. 23.Rc1 bxc3 24.bxc3 Bf4 25.Bxf4 Nxf4 26.Bf3]

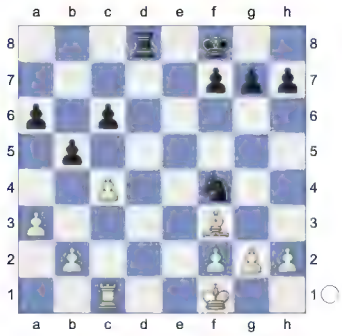
22.Bf3

[22.Bxf4?? Nxf4 23.Bf3 Nd5 *(23...c5)* 24.a4]

22...Bxc1! 23.Rxc1 Kf8!? The Russian GM protects the c7-pawn. Another option would be to counter attack White's a4 and c3-pawns. The Russian GM protects the c7-pawn. Another option would be to counter attack White's a4 and c3-pawns. Grigoriants, Sergey: '=!' Grigoriants, Sergey: 'The position is symmetric and drawish. The supergrandmasters agreed to a draw within a few moves.' **24.a3**

[24.b3 Re6 25.c4 Nb4!∓ and Black wins a pawn. 26.cxb5 leads to a draw by repetition after cxb5 27.a4 bxa4 28.bxa4 Nd3 29.Rb1 Nc5 Grigoriants, Sergey: '=' Grigoriants, Sergey: 'Jakubowski-Andersen, Germany 2022' 30.a5 Re5 or 31.Be2 Ne6 and the b7-pawn is still untouchable.]

24...Rd8! A useful move, which secures the g7-square. **25.c4** Vishy liquidates to a draw. **25...Nf4**



26.Bxc6 Nd3 Black prefers to keep the a5-pawn. **27.Rc2**

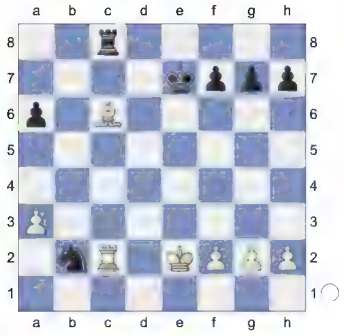
[27.Rd1! bxc4 28.Be4

A) 28...Ke7 29.Bxd3= cxd3!? 30.Ke1 Rb8 is also equal. 31.b4 a5 32.Rxd3 axb4 33.Rb3 Kd6 is completely equal too. 34.axb4!? Kd5 35.Kd2= and White can't take

advantage of the pin on the c-file. or Kc4 36.Rc3+ Kxb4 (In case of *36...Kd5? 37.Rc5+±* Black's compensation for the pawn is insufficient. *Kd6?* would be wrong, as White can't restore the material balance. *38.Kc3*) 37.Rc7 Rf8 38.Ke3 with an equal endgame.;

B) 28...g6 29.b4 (*29.Bxd3* or *cxd3 30.Ke1 Re8+*) 29...f5 30.Bxd3 cxd3 31.f4 a5 32.bxa5 with a dead draw. Ra8? is dangerous in view of 33.Rxd3!∓ Rxa5]

27...bxc4 28.Rxc4 Nxb2 29.Rc2 Rc8 30.Ke2 Ke7



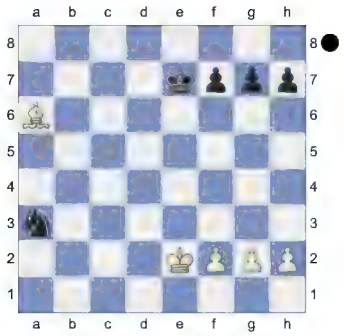
31.Be4 Rxc2+ 32.Bxc2 Nc4

A well-played game, which proves that White can't set serious problems in the line with 11.Nf1.11.b4 is a better try.

33.Bd3 doesn't change much.

[33.a4 Kd6 34.Bxh7 g6 35.h4 Ke5 36.h5 gxh5]

33...Nxa3 34.Bxa6



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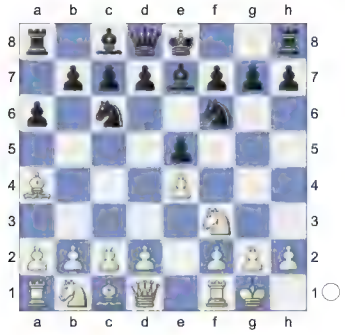
□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2739**

■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2779**

Saint Louis Rapid (1) 11.08.2018

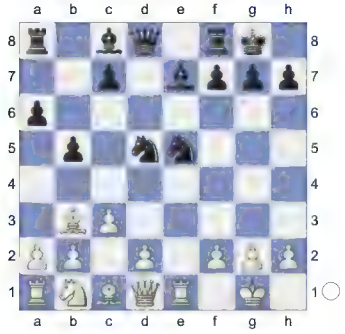
[Postny, Evgeny]

Postny, Evgeny, MH: 'C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack '**1.e4** Postny, Evgeny, MH **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



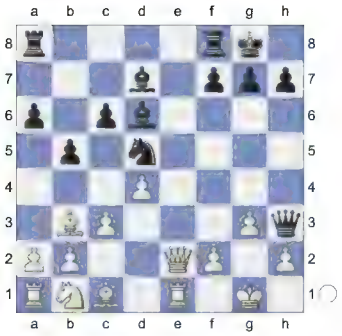
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5

I see no real problems for Black after the exchange of queens, but MVL prefers more dynamic positions. **9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5**

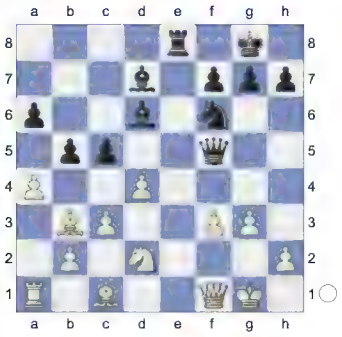


11.Rxe5 c6 MVL has already massive experience in handling this position as Black. **12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qe2 Bd7**

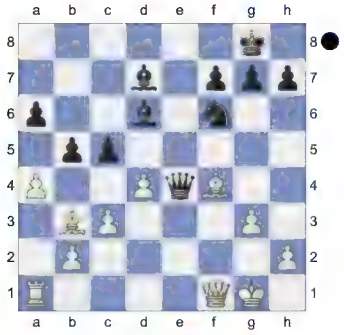
(Diagram)



16.Qf1 Qf5 0.47/19
[16...Qh5= -0.01/22 (Postny, Evgeny, MH) was preferrable.]
17.Nd2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '⩲' Postny, Evgeny, MH: 'White is slightly better.' **17...Rae8** Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Inhibits Nd2-e4.' **18.f3 Nf6** Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Wards off Nd2-e4' **19.a4** -0.01/22
[19.Rxe8⩲ 0.41/22 Postny, Evgeny, MH Rxe8 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.fxe4 Qxf1+ *(21...Rxe4? 22.Qxf5 Bxf5 23.Bc2+-* Skewer *)* 22.Kxf1]
19...c5 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '=' **20.Rxe8 Rxe8** Postny, Evgeny, MH: '

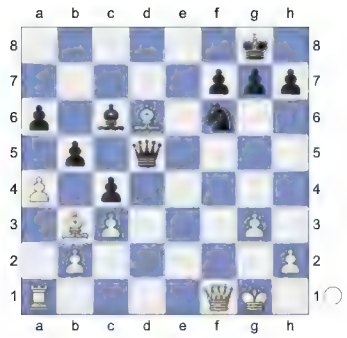


' **21.Ne4** Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' White is slightly better thanks to his superior structure. **21...Rxe4**
[21...Nxe4?! Postny, Evgeny, MH 22.fxe4 Qxf1+ *(22...Rxe4? 23.Qxf5 Bxf5 24.axb5+-)* 23.Kxf1 Rxe4 24.axb5 Bxb5+ 25.c4⩱]
22.fxe4 Postny, Evgeny, MH: 'N'
[22.Bc2 cxd4 Postny, Evgeny, MH 23.fxe4 Qc5 24.Qf2 Ng4 25.cxd4 Qc7 26.Qe2 Bxg3 27.hxg3 Qxg3+ 28.Qg2 Qe1+ 29.Qf1 Qg3+ 30.Qg2 ½-½ Woerdemann,M (2754)-Hanke,L (2736) Corus B Wijk aan Zee 2008 (4)]
22...Qxe4 23.Bf4 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '
[23.axb5]

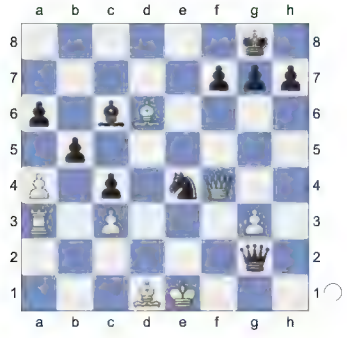


' **23...Bc6 24.d5**
[24.Bxd6 Postny, Evgeny, MH Qh1+ 25.Kf2 Qxh2+ 26.Ke1 Qxb2∓]
24...c4 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' **25.Bxd6 Qxd5**
[25...Bxd5 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' (→ ...Nf6-g4)' 26.Bd1 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Threatens to win with Kg1-f2.' Qh1+ 27.Kf2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Hoping for Qf1xh1.' Qxh2+ 28.Ke1 Qxb2 29.Ra3 Ne4 30.Qe2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Inhibits Qb2-d2+.' Qc1 0.35/22 *(30...Qxe2+* -0.01/25 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '=' Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' might be stronger.' *31.Bxe2 Nxd6 32.axb5 axb5=* ½-½ (21) Shephard,C-Danner, G corr 1985 *33.Ra6 Ne4)*]

(Diagram)



26.Bd1 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Against Nf6-g4'
[26.Rd1 Qh1+ 27.Kf2 Qxh2+ 28.Ke1 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' cxb3]
26...Qh1+ Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!'
27.Kf2 Qxh2+ Postny, Evgeny, MH: 'The position is equal.' **28.Ke1** Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' **28...Qxb2 29.Ra3?! Ne4 30.Qf4** Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Prevents Qb2-d2+'
[30.Qe2= White can grab the pawn, but will lose a couple of important tempi: Qxe2+ 31.Kxe2 Nxd6 32.axb5 with sufficient compensation for Black. Bxb5]
30...Qg2

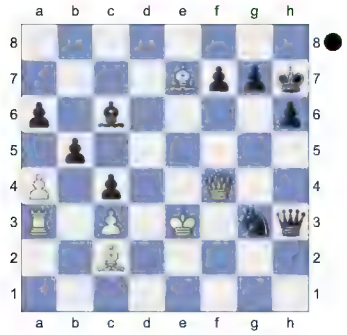


31.Be2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' And now a4xb5 would win.'
[31.Be7= -0.60/27 1-0 (68) Grischuk, A (2750)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2795) chess.com INT 2017 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '31.Bd6-c5 -0.01 1-0 (68) Grischuk,A (2750)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2795) chess.com INT 2017'
A) 31...Qg1+ 32.Ke2 Nxg3+ 0.01/20 (Black should play *32...f6∓* -0.50/25 Postny, Evgeny, MH *33.Bxf6 Nxg3+ 34.Kd2 Ne4+ 35.Kc1 Nxf6*) 33.Kd2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '=' Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' White threatens Qf4-b8+ and mate.' Qh2+;
B) 31...Qh1+∓ -0.60/27 Postny, Evgeny, MH 32.Qf1 Qh2;
C) 31...h6 -0.01/26
C1) 32.axb5 -7.19/25 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '?' Postny, Evgeny, MH: '32.Qf4-b8+ -0.58' Qg1+ 33.Ke2 g5 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' 34.Qe3 Nxg3+ 35.Kd2 Nf1+;
C2) 32.Be2 Qg1+ Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' 33.Bf1± ½-½ (40) Carlsen,M (2843)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2789) Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden 2018 g5! This was actually possible! 34.Qf3 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' aiming for a4xb5.' *(34.Qb8+* -6.60/21 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '?' Postny, Evgeny, MH: '34.Qf4-f3 -2.69' *Kh7=)* 34...Nc5 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' 35.Bxc5 *(35.Qxc6* -8.15/22 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '?' Postny, Evgeny, MH: '35.Be7xc5 -1.74' *Nd3+ 36.Kd2* Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' White wants to mate with Qc6-e8+.' *Qxf1)* 35...Qxc5 36.Qf6 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Black must now prevent a4xb5!' Qxa3 37.Qxc6 Qxc3+;
C3) 32.Qb8+! Postny, Evgeny, MH: '=!' 32...Kh7 33.Qf4 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Repels Qg2-f2+' Qg1+ 34.Ke2 Nxg3+ *(34...Bd5!?* Postny, Evgeny, MH *35.Bc2□ Qh2+ 36.Ke1 Qxc2*

37.Qf5+ g6 38.Qxd5 Qb1+ 39.Qd1 Qb2=) 35.Kd2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Bd1-c2+ would now be deadly.' with a pleasant advantage in the endgame. Black's rooks are discoordinated. Qh2+

C3a) 36.Ke3 -1.83/22 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '?' Postny, Evgeny, MH: '36.Kd2-e1 0.01

' Qh3 -0.01/22 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '?' *(36...Qg2!-+* -1.83/22 Postny, Evgeny, MH *37.Ra1 Qh3)* 37.Bc2+ -1.25/20 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' *(37.Kd4!=* -0.01/22 Postny, Evgeny, MH *Qh2 38.Ke5)*



' 37...f5 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!';

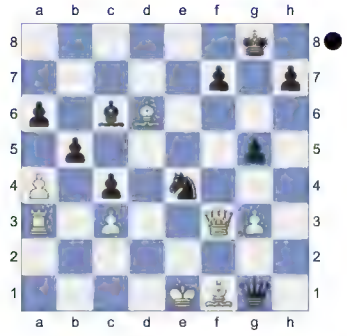
C3b) 36.Ke1 Qg1+ *(36...f5)* 37.Kd2 Nf1+ *(37...Qh2+)* 38.Ke2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!']

[31.axb5 Postny, Evgeny, MH g5 *(31...Qg1+ 32.Qf1=)* 32.Qe3 *(32.Qf3? Qd2+ 33.Kf1 Qxd6-+)* 32...Qh1+ 33.Ke2 Bd7-+]

31...Qg1+ 32.Bf1

[32.Qf1 Qxf1+ 33.Bxf1 Nxd6 34.axb5 Bxb5]

32...g5 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' **33.Qf3** Postny, Evgeny, MH: '



' **33...Nd2** Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Discovered Attack'

[33...Nxd6 34.Qxc6 is another option for White, but Black should hold this endgame fairly easily. Qxg3+ 35.Kd1 b4 36.Ra2± ½-½ (35) Grischuk,A (2750)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2795) chess.com INT 2017 Qf4?! 37.Bg2 bxc3]

34.Qxc6 White is still slightly better, but Leinier decided to repeat moves.

[34.Qf2 Qxf2+! This move will keep White's bishop safe on a3 against the black queen jumping to a5. 35.Kxf2 Ne4+ 36.Ke3 Nxd6 37.axb5 Bxb5±]

[34.Qe2? Nf3++- 35.Kd1!± Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' a4xb5 is the strong threat.' would be more precise. Nh2 36.Ke1 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Strongly threatening a4xb5.' Nf3+]

34...Qxf1+ 35.Kxd2 Qf2+

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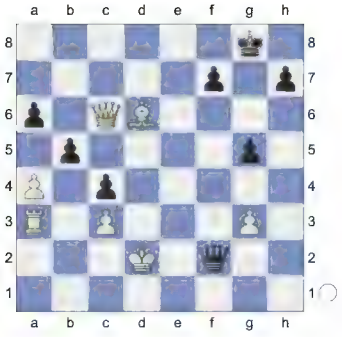
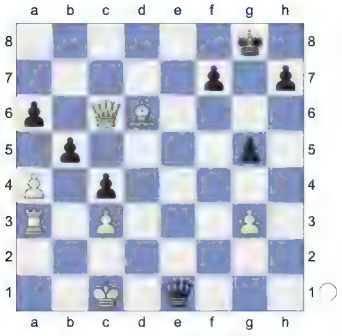


36.Kc1 The right plan for improving White's position would be as follows: **36...Qe1+!**



Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) ' transferring the bishop to a3 in order to target the c5 weakness.
½-½

159 **C89**
□ **So,Wesley** **2799**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2769**
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[Sagar Shah]

1.e4 Sagar,Shah Sagar Shah,MH Sagar, Shah Sagar,Shah Sagar,Shah Sagar, Shah Sagar,Shah Sagar,Shah **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 Sagar,Shah: 'The Marshall Gambit has been a part of praxis for many years, but White has not been able to break it. After many years of trying for an advantage with 13.d4, White has now shifted his attention to 13.d3. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'The Marshall Gambit has been a part of praxis for many years, but White has not been able to break it. After many years of trying for an advantage with 13.d4, White has now shifted his attention to 13.d3. '" The Marshall Gambit has been a part of praxis for many years, but White has not been able to break it. After many years of trying for an advantage with 13.d4, White has now shifted his attention to 13.d3. Sagar,Shah: 'The Marshall Gambit has been a part of praxis for many years, but White has not been able to break it. After many years of trying for an advantage with 13.d4, White has now shifted his attention to 13.

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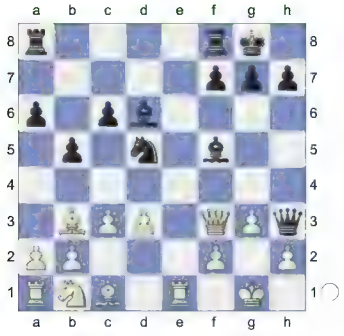
[15.Qxf5 Qxh2+ 16.Kf1 Rfe8-+ Sagar,Shah: 'White is already in big trouble.' White is already in big trouble.]

15...Qh3



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[16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qxd5 Rad8 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 Bxd3 Sagar,Shah: 'The bishop pair compensate for the missing pawn and Black is doing pretty well here.' The bishop pair compensate for the missing pawn and Black is doing pretty well here.]

16...Bxd3 17.Nd2

[17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Qxd5 Rad8! 19.Qf3 Bc4 20.Nd2 Be6 Sagar,Shah: 'was drawn in the game Anand vs Aronian 2008.' was drawn in the game Anand vs Aronian 2008.]

17...Qf5

[17...Rfe8 Sagar,Shah: 'This would be incorrect because the face off of the rooks down the e-file works in White's favour.' This would be incorrect because the face off of the rooks down the e-file works in White's favour. 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rad8 20.Bb6+-]

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[Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'and'' 18...Rfe8 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Vachier-Lagrave, M (2796) -Aronian, L (2785) Sharjah UAE 2017 [Mikhalevski,V]'' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Vachier-Lagrave, M (2796)-Aronian, L (2785) Sharjah UAE 2017 [Mikhalevski,V]' Sagar, Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Vachier-Lagrave,M (2796) -Aronian, L (2785) Sharjah UAE 2017 [Mikhalevski,V]' has been Aronian's favourite. Black has held his own in most of the games except for one where Aronian lost to Caruana in 2014. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'has been Aronian's favourite. Black has held his own in most of the games except for one where Aronian lost to Caruana in 2014. ''' has been Aronian's favourite. Black has held his own in most of the games except for one where Aronian lost to Caruana in 2014. Sagar,Shah: 'has been Aronian's favourite. Black has held his own in most of the games except for one where Aronian lost to Caruana in 2014. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'has been Aronian's favourite. Black has held his own in most of the games except for one where Aronian lost to Caruana in 2014. ''']

[Earlier I considered 18...Rae8 (Sagar,Shah) Wei Yi (2706)-Carlsen, M (2844) Wijk aan Zee NED 2016 [Mikhalevski,V] Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Wei Yi (2706)-Carlsen,M (2844) Wijk aan Zee NED 2016 [Mikhalevski,V]']

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[19.Kg2 Bf8 20.Qxf5 Bxf5 21.Ne4 a5 *(21...Bxe4+ 22.Rxe4 c5 23.Be5±)* 22.a4 b4⇄]

19...h6 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!?' '!?' '!?' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'A useful waiting move, which has been tested by the Russian GM Matlakov. Black invites White to show his cards." Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!?' Mikhalevski, Victor: 'A useful waiting move, which has been tested by the Russian GM Matlakov. Black invites White to show his cards." Mikhalevski,Victor: 'A useful waiting move, which has been tested by the Russian GM Matlakov. Black invites White to show his cards.' Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!?' '!?' Mikhalevski, Victor: 'A useful waiting move, which has been tested by the Russian GM Matlakov. Black invites White to show his cards.' Black makes a useful move avoiding any back rank tricks. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'Black makes a useful move avoiding any back rank tricks.'" Black makes a useful move avoiding any back rank tricks. Sagar, Shah: 'Black makes a useful move avoiding any back rank tricks. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'Black makes a useful move avoiding any back rank tricks.'"

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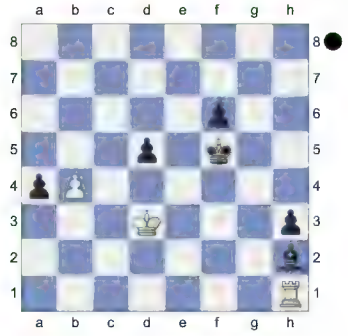
19...Bf8 20.axb5 axb5

A) 21.Rxa8!? Sagar,Shah Rxa8 22.Qd1! would create a threat of 23. Nf3! So Black should remove the queen from f5 in order to let the light squared bishop escape along the b1-h7 diagonal. Mikhalevski, Victor: 'would create a threat of 23. Nf3! So Black should remove the queen from f5 in order to let the light squared bishop escape along the b1-h7 diagonal.' Qd7! 23.Ne4 *(23.Nf3 Bf5 24.Ne5 Qb7 25.Qf3 Be6 26.Bc2 c5 27.Be3 Qc7* also looks fine for Black.*)* 23...Bxe4 24.Rxe4 Re8 25.Rxe8 Qxe8 with just a symbolic edge for White.;

B) 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.Qxf5 Bxf5 23.b4 f6 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski, Victor: 'and Black fully equalised in the very recent game Palac,M (2546)-Melkumyan,H (2664) Batumi GEO 2018'' Mikhalevski, Victor: 'and Black fully equalised in the very recent game Palac,M (2546)-Melkumyan,H (2664) Batumi GEO 2018' Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'and Black fully equalised in the very recent game Palac,M (2546)-Melkumyan,H (2664) Batumi GEO 2018'' 24.Kg2 Ra4 25.Rxa4 bxa4 26.Ra1 Bd7 27.Nf3 Kf7 28.Be3 Rc8 29.Ra3 g5 30.Nd4 Bd6 31.Kf1 Be5 32.Ke2 h5 33.Kd3 h4 34.Ra1 Kg6 35.Rg1 h3 36.Rb1 Bf5+ 37.Nxf5 Rxc3+ 38.Kd2 Kxf5 39.f4 gxf4 40.gxf4 Rxe3 -0.28/25 *(*Black should play *40...Ke4!∓* -1.12/25 Sagar Shah,MH *41.fxe5 Rd3+ 42.Kc1)* 41.Kxe3 Sagar Shah,MH: '=' Bxf4+ 42.Kd3 -5.56/27 Sagar Shah,MH: '?' *(42.Ke2!=* -0.21/25 (Sagar Shah, MH) and White has nothing to worry. *)* 42...Bxh2 Sagar Shah,MH: '-+' 43.Rh1 Sagar Shah,MH: '



' Be5 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' 44.Rxh3 a3 45.Rf3+ Ke6 46.Rf2 Kd6 47.Rg2 Kc6 0-1 (47) Palac,M (2546)-Melkumyan,H (2664) Batumi 2018]

[19...Rac8 (Sagar,Shah) was played in a correspondence game. 20.axb5!? *(20.Qxf5!?* deserved attention. *Bxf5 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.axb5 axb5 23.b4! Ra8! 24.Nb3 Ra4 25.Bc5 Bf8 26.Bxf8 Kxf8 27.f3 Rda8 28.Kf2* with a slight superiority for White.*)* 20...axb5 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.Re3 *(22.b4!?±)* 22...Qxf3 23.Nxf3 Be4 24.b4 Ra8 25.Ra5! Rxa5 26.bxa5 Ra8 and a draw was agreed in Budkin, G (2432)-Nadeev,S (2406) ICCF email 2014, although White could play on with Mikhalevski,Victor: 'and a draw was agreed in Budkin,G (2432)-Nadeev,S (2406) ICCF email 2014, although White could play on with' 27.Bb6±]

20.h4 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Only this move is a novelty, but not one which changes the assessment of the position. Wesley also makes a useful waiting move, but Ding Ligen knows how to react in this case.'' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Only this move is a novelty, but not one

which changes the assessment of the position. Wesley also makes a useful waiting move, but Ding Ligen knows how to react in this case.' Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Only this move is a novelty, but not one which changes the assessment of the position. Wesley also makes a useful waiting move, but Ding Ligen knows how to react in this case.' Usually in this position none of the players want to take their opponent's queen. For example if Black took on f3 then after ♘xf3 the knight would be very well placed looking at the d4 and e5 squares. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'Usually in this position none of the players want to take their opponent's queen. For example if Black took on f3 then after ♘xf3 the knight would be very well placed looking at the d4 and e5 squares.'" Usually in this position none of the players want to take their opponent's queen. For example if Black took on f3 then after ♘xf3 the knight would be very well placed looking at the d4 and e5 squares. Sagar,Shah: 'Usually in this position none of the players want to take their opponent's queen. For example if Black took on f3 then after ♘xf3 the knight would be very well placed looking at the d4 and e5 squares. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'Usually in this position none of the players want to take their opponent's queen. For example if Black took on f3 then after ♘xf3 the knight would be very well placed looking at the d4 and e5 squares. ""

[Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'In the only preceding game White waited with" 20.Kg2 Sagar,Shah: 'I have a feeling that ♔g2 in general can be more useful than h4 as then the knight need not keep defending the queen and can move to e4.' I have a feeling that ♔g2 in general can be more useful than h4 as then the knight need not keep defending the queen and can move to e4. Bf8 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'This looks slightly inaccurate." Mikhalevski,Victor: 'This looks slightly inaccurate.' *(20...Rac8!?* (Sagar,Shah) is a common way to break the waiting sequence. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'is a common way to break the waiting sequence.' *21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Bxd5 cxd5 24.Nf1 b4 25.Ne3 Be6 26.Ra5 bxc3 27.bxc3 Rb8* and Black should be able to hold without too many problems. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'and Black should be able to hold without too many problems.' *)*

A) 21.Re5?! 0.01/23 Sagar,Shah Sagar Shah,MH: '21.a4xb5 0.41 Sagar,Shah' Qxf3+ 22.Kxf3 -0.23/22 *(22.Nxf3* 0.19/22 (Sagar Shah,MH) deserves consideration. *bxa4 23.Rxa4)* 22...b4!?= Now Black solves his opening problems. Mikhalevski, Victor: 'Now Black solves his opening problems.' 23.Rd1?! -0.63/20 *(23.Ne4=* -0.08/21 Sagar Shah,MH*)* 23...bxc3 Sagar Shah,MH: ' ∓' 24.bxc3 Rab8∓ Now only Black can play for a win. Alekseenko,K (2609)-Matlakov,M (2709) Moscow RUS 2018 Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Now only Black can play for a win. Alekseenko,K (2609)-Matlakov,M (2709) Moscow RUS 2018';

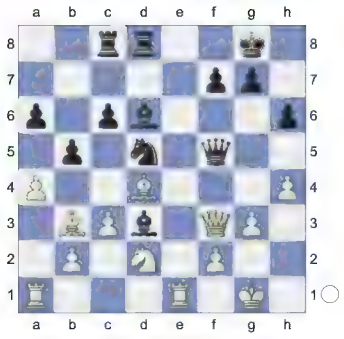
B) 21.axb5 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!' '!' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'could set some

problems.'' Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!' Mikhalevski, Victor: 'could set some problems.'' 21...axb5 22.Rxa8 Rxa8

B1) 23.Bxd5 Sagar,Shah Qxd5 24.Qxd5 cxd5 25.Re5 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' Rd8 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' 26.Bb6 Rd6 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' *(26...Rb8?* 1.01/22 is met by Sagar Shah, MH: '26...Rd8-d6 0.54 is met by' *27.Rxd5±)* 27.Bc5 Rd8 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Nb3± and I prefer White as the knight is superior to the bishop, although it's still far away from a win. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'and I prefer White as the knight is superior to the bishop, although it's still far away from a win.';

B2) 23.Ne4 Qxf3+ 24.Kxf3 b4 25.Rd1 Ba6 26.c4 Nc7 27.Bb6 *(27.Ra1* -0.38/24 Sagar Shah, MH: '27.Bd4-b6 0.98' *c5=)* 27...Ne6 28.c5 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' Bb5∞]

20...Rac8



21.axb5 axb5 22.Bxd5 Sagar,Shah: 'In many ways after this exchange, Black is out of danger. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'In many ways after this exchange, Black is out of danger.'" In many ways after this exchange, Black is out of danger. Sagar,Shah: 'In many ways after this exchange, Black is out of danger. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'In many ways after this exchange, Black is out of danger.'"

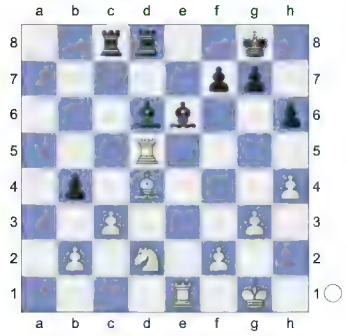
[22.Ra7 Sagar,Shah: 'was possible but Black can now aim to take the e-file with' was possible but Black can now aim to take the e-file with Bf8 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' *(22...Re8* 0.75/23 Sagar Shah,MH: '22...Bd6-f8 0.14' *23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Qxf5 Bxf5 25.Ra6* Sagar,Shah: 'seems a tad uncomfortable, but Black should be able to hold on after' seems a tad uncomfortable, but Black should be able to hold on after *Ne7±* Sagar,Shah: '/=' */=)* 23.Re5 Qxf3 24.Nxf3 f6 25.Re3!? Bg6 Sagar Shah,MH: ' aiming for ...c6-c5.' 26.Bb6 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' Kh8! 27.Bxd5 0.12/23 *(27.Bxd8±* 0.51/23 Sagar Shah,MH *Nxe3 28.Be7 Bxe7 29.Rxe7)* 27...Rxd5= Sagar,Shah: 'Black is doing fine.' Black is doing fine.]

22...cxd5 23.Qxf5 Bxf5 24.Ra5 Sagar,Shah: 'Black's pawns are weak, but the bishop pair compensates for them. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'Black's pawns are weak, but the bishop pair compensates for them.'" Black's pawns are weak, but the bishop pair compensates for them. Sagar,Shah: 'Black's pawns are weak, but the bishop pair compensates for them. Mikhalevski, Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'Black's pawns are weak, but the bishop pair compensates for them.'' **24...b4!** Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'A clever pawn sacrifice. I won't be surprised if the Chinese GM analysed this position or at least a similar one.'' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'A clever pawn sacrifice. I won't be

surprised if the Chinese GM analysed this position or at least a similar one.'

[In case of the passive 24...Rb8?! 0.76/21 Sagar,Shah Sagar Shah,MH: '24...b5-b4 0.30 Sagar,Shah' 25.b4!± Black is under pressure. Mikhalevski, Victor: 'Black is under pressure.']

25.Rxd5 Be6



26.Ra5

[26.Rb5 Ra8 Sagar,Shah: 'Wesley was not too comfortable with his rook stuck on b5 and the black rook penetrating with ... ♖a2.' Wesley was not too comfortable with his rook stuck on b5 and the black rook penetrating with ...♖a2.]

26...bxc3 27.Bxc3 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!' '!' '!' Mikhalevski, Victor: 'The only attempt to play on. White manages to consolidate his extra pawn, while Black has the bishop pair in an open position, which compensates for the small material deficit." Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!' Mikhalevski, Victor: 'The only attempt to play on. White manages to consolidate his extra pawn, while Black has the bishop pair in an open position, which compensates for the small material deficit." Mikhalevski, Victor: 'The only attempt to play on. White manages to consolidate his extra pawn, while Black has the bishop pair in an open position, which compensates for the small material deficit.' Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!' '!' Mikhalevski, Victor: 'The only attempt to play on. White manages to consolidate his extra pawn, while Black has the bishop pair in an open position, which compensates for the small material deficit."

[After 27.bxc3 Sagar,Shah Bb4!= Black wins back White's extra pawn and fully equalises. Mikhalevski, Victor: 'Black wins back White's extra pawn and fully equalises.']

27...Rb8 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski, Victor: 'Black is preparing ...Bb4."

[Black could keep waiting, as it's extremely difficult for White to make progress. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Black could keep waiting, as it's extremely difficult for White to make progress.' 27...Bf8!? Sagar,Shah Sagar Shah, MH: 'Sagar,Shah. White must now prevent ...Rc8xc3!' 28.Nf1 Rd3 29.Ne3 Bc5 30.Rd1 Rxd1+ 31.Nxd1 Bg4 32.Ne3 Bf3= with full compensation. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'with full compensation.']

28.Nf1 Bb4 29.Raa1

[or 29.Ra4 Sagar,Shah Bc5]

29...Bc5

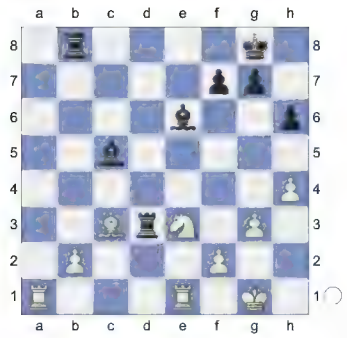
[29...Bxc3 30.bxc3 Rb2 31.Rac1 0.01/23 *(31.Rec1±* 0.41/24 Sagar Shah,MH*)* 31...Ra8= Sagar,Shah: 'And this should be a draw.' And this should be a draw.]

30.Ne3

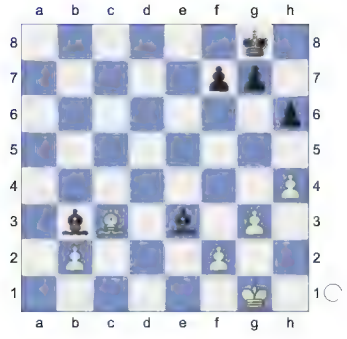
[After 30.Rad1 Sagar,Shah Rxd1 31.Rxd1 f6 32.Ne3 Kf7 it's also extremely difficult to make progress. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'it's also extremely difficult to make progress.']

30...Rd3

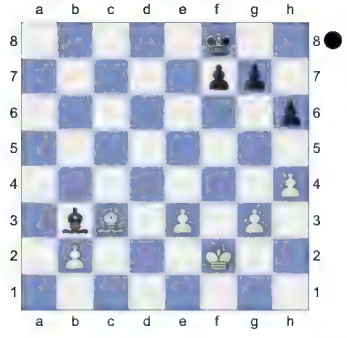
(Diagram)



Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Black is putting pressure on e3.'' **31.Red1 Rbd8 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Rd1 Rxd1+ 34.Nxd1 Bb3** Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski, Victor: 'This move forces an exchange of the knight for the dark-squared bishop.'' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'This move forces an exchange of the knight for the dark-squared bishop.' **35.Ne3 Bxe3**



36.fxe3 Kf8 37.Kf2



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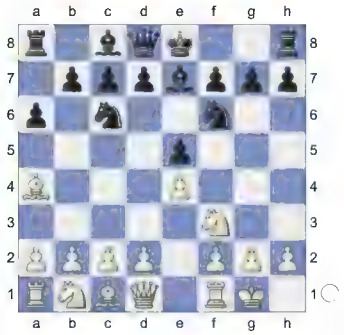
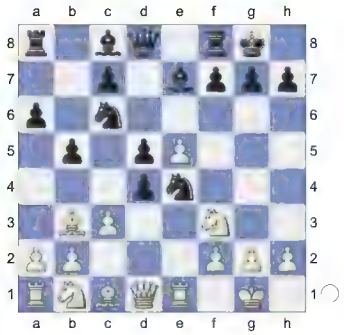
160 **C89**
□ **Hou,Yifan** **2680**
■ **Matlakov,Maxim** **2718**
Tata Steel-A 80th (4) 16.01.2018
[Kitty Kat]

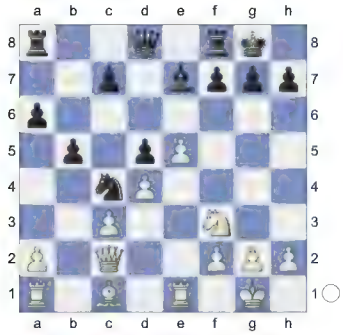
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



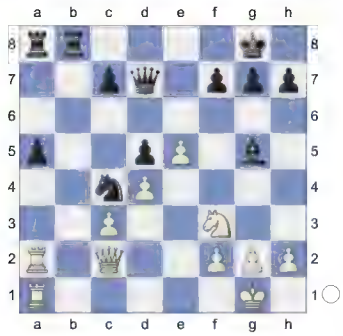
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 exd4 10.e5 Ne4



11.cxd4 Bf5 12.Nc3 The position is equal. **12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Na5**
[13...Qd7 14.Bg5 Ba3 15.Qe2 h6 16.Bf4 Na5 17.Bc2 Nc4 18.Rad1 Be7 19.h3 a5 20.Nh2 Ra6 21.Ng4 b4 22.Bxf5 Qxf5 23.Bd2 Rg6 24.Kf1 c5 25.Ne3 Nxe3+ 26.Qxe3 c4 27.g4 Qc2 28.Rc1 Campos (2718)-Buchicchio,G (2781) Móstoles 2004 Telechess CBM 89 [Sam Collins] (43)]
[13...Re8 14.a4 b4 15.Bc2 Qd7 16.Bxf5 Qxf5 17.Bd2 Rab8 18.cxb4 Nxb4 19.Bxb4 Bxb4 20.Re2 h6 21.Rc2 Qd7 22.Ne1 Bxe1 23.Qxe1 f6 24.f4 Qf5 25.Qd2 Rb7 26.Rac1 Reb8 27.Rxc7 Rxc7 28.Rxc7 Shirov,A (2665)-Eljanov,P (2672) Ajka 2024 Mega2024 Update 38 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (56)]
14.Bc2 Bxc2 15.Qxc2 Nc4

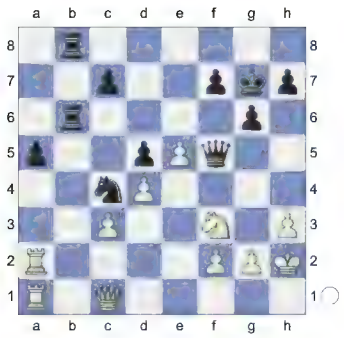


16.a4N
[16.Bf4 Rc8 17.Nd2 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 c5 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Rad1 Qb6 21.Be3 Rfd8 22.h3 h6 23.Bxc5 Rxc5 24.Re3 Qc6 25.Rd3 Rc8 26.Qf4 Qe6 27.Qe3 Qc6 28.Qf4 Qe6 29.Qe3 Qc6 30.Qf4 Rb8 Antolak,J (2315)-Urh,Z (2221) Mayrhofen 2022 ½-½]
16...Qd7 17.Bg5 bxa4 18.Rxa4 a5 19.Rea1 Rfb8 20.R4a2 Bxg5

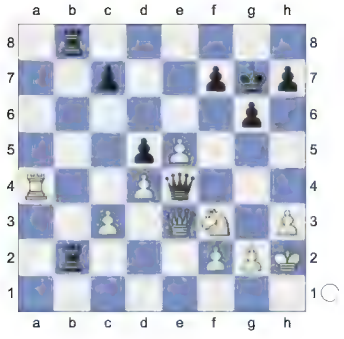


21.Nxg5 g6 22.h3 Rb6 23.Nf3 Rab8 24.Qc1 Kg7 Prevents Qh6+. **25.Kh2 Qf5**

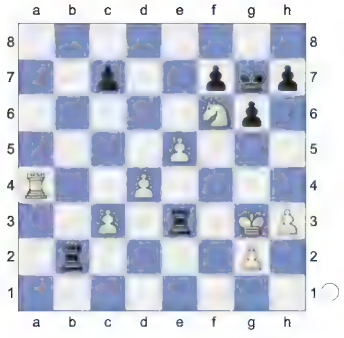
(Diagram)



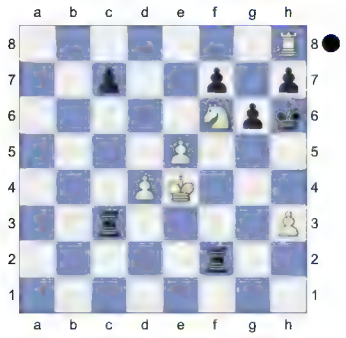
26.Nd2 Nb2 0.21/21 &Nero is much more active.
[26...Qf4+∓ -0.64/23 27.Kh1 Rb2 28.Rxb2 Nxb2]
27.Nf3 -0.52/23
[27.Nf1!= 0.21/21]
27...a4!∓ 28.Rxa4 -2.03/20
[28.Qe3∓ -0.53/20]
28...Nxa4-+ 29.Rxa4 Rb2 30.Qe3 Qe4



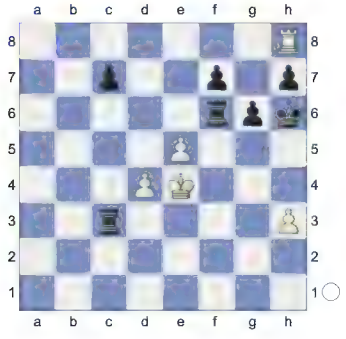
31.Qxe4 -2.55/22
[31.Kg3∓ -1.25/21]
31...dxe4∓ Endgame KRR-KRN **32.Ng5 Rxf2 33.Nxe4 Re2 34.Nf6 Rbb2 35.Kg3 Re3+**



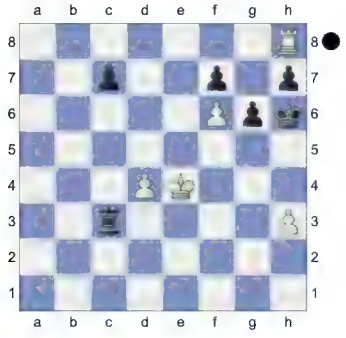
36.Kf4 -2.43/22
[36.Kh2∓ -1.46/23]
36...Rxc3-+ 37.Ra8 Rxg2 38.Rg8+ Kh6 39.Rh8? -5.37/26
[39.Ng4+ -1.62/22 is a better chance. Kh5 40.Rg7]
39...Rf2+ 40.Ke4



Rxf6! -1.96/20

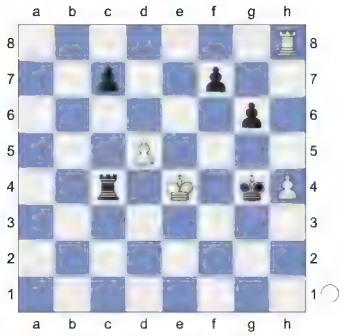


41.exf6

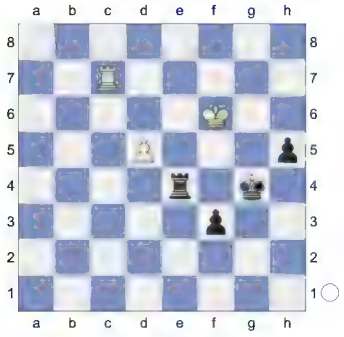


KR-KR **41...Kg5!**
[Not 41...Rxh3 42.Rf8∓]
42.Rxh7 Kxf6 43.Rh8 -2.56/23
[43.d5 -1.90/24 was necessary.]
43...Kg5 -1.19/24
[43...c5-+ -2.56/23 has better winning chances. White must now prevent ... Kg7. 44.dxc5 Rxc5]
44.h4+∓ Kg4 And now ...f5+ would win.

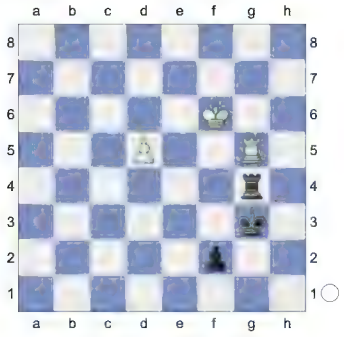
45.d5 Rc4+



46.Ke5? -4.05/24
[46.Kd3∓ -0.92/22 Rc1 47.Rh7]
46...f5-+ 47.h5 Re4+
[Stronger than 47...gxh5 48.Rg8+ Kf3 49.Kxf5∓]
48.Kf6 gxh5 49.Rc8? -7.79/25
[49.Rg8+ -3.36/26 Kf4 50.Rg1]
49...f4 Threatens to win with ...f3.
50.Rxc7 f3



(-> ...f2) **51.Rg7+ Kf4** ...f2 is the strong threat. **52.Rh7 f2 53.Rxh5 Kg3 54.Rg5+ Rg4**



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161 **C89**
Morgado,Juan Sebastian **2616**
Sirota,Anatoli **0**
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C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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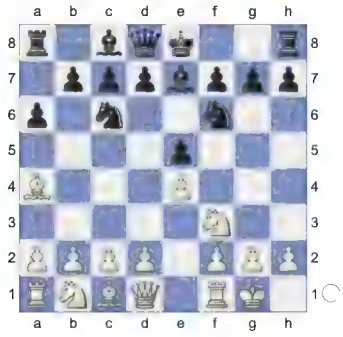
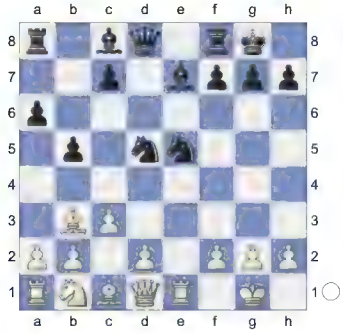
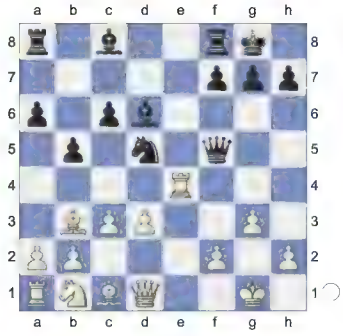


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

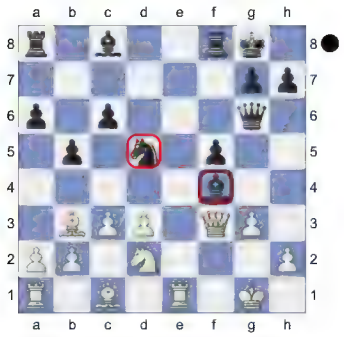


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Qf5

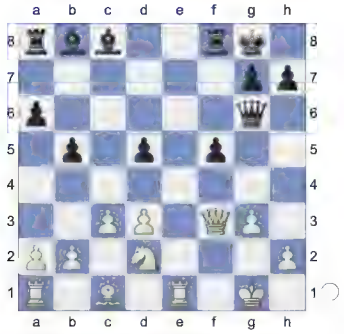


16.Nd2 Qg6 17.Re1 f5 0.79/20
[17...Bg4= 0.05/17 18.f3 Bh3]

18.f4 0.35/19
[18.c4± 0.79/20 f4 19.Ne4 *(19.cxd5 fxg3 20.fxg3 Bxg3∓)* 19...fxg3 20.fxg3 *(20.hxg3 Bg4±)*]
18...Bxf4± 19.Qf3

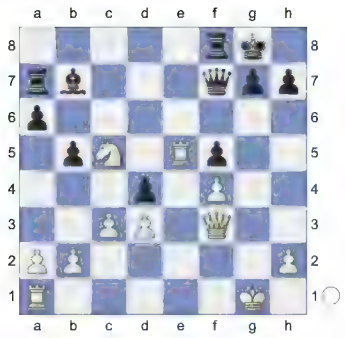


aiming for Qxf4. **19...Bb8 20.Bxd5+**
White is slightly better. **20...cxd5**

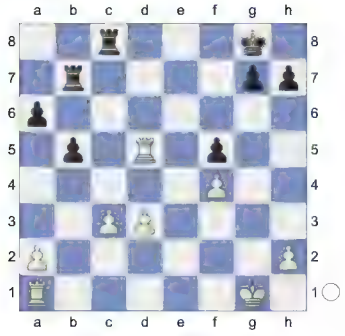


21.Nb3!
[21.Qxd5+ Kh8 22.Qg2 *(22.Qxa8 Qb6+ 23.d4 Bb7∓)* 22...Qf7]
21...Qf7 22.Bf4 d4 23.Nc5 0.01/21
Against Bb7
[Much weaker is 23.cxd4 Bb7 24.Qf2 Qd5=]
[23.Nxd4± 0.36/20 feels stronger. Bb7 24.Qe2]
23...Bxf4= 24.gxf4 Ra7
[Resist 24...Qg6+ 25.Qg2±]
25.Re5 Bb7

(Diagram)



Black is slightly better. **26.Nxb7 Rxb7N 27.Qd5** Inhibits Rd8. **27...dxc3 28.bxc3 Qxd5 29.Rxd5 Rc8**



Black took control after the opening.
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½-½

162 **C89**
□ **Hoeven,David A Van Der** **2647**
■ **Bendana Guerrero,Jose** **2310**
corr 30 YEARS APA Magazine A 15.5.01
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

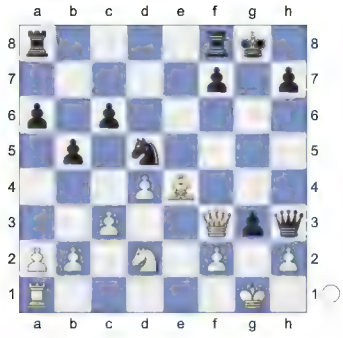
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5

16.Qf3 Bf5 17.Bc2 And now Rh4! would win. **17...Bf4 18.Bxf4 gxf4 19.Nd2 Bxe4** White has an edge. **20.Bxe4 fxg3** 0.87/20

[20...Rfd8± 0.53/20]

(Diagram)



21.hxg3± Qh6 22.Nb3 White has strong compensation. **22...Ne7** 1.46/20

[⌓22...f5 1.15/19 23.Bxd5+ *(23.Bxf5 Qf6∓)* 23...cxd5]

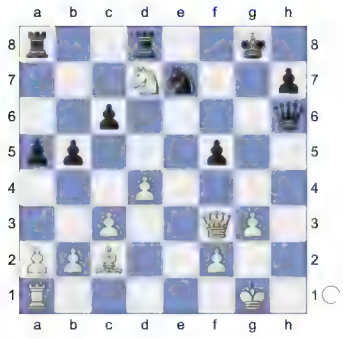
23.Nc5 1.05/21

[⌓23.Kg2 1.46/20]

23...f5 24.Bc2 a5 1.41/21

[⌓24...Kh8 1.03/19]

25.Nd7 Rfd8



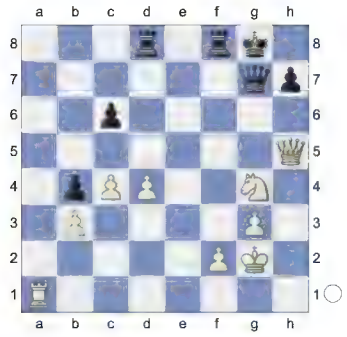
26.Bxf5 &Bianco is more active. **26...Nxf5 27.Qxf5** Strongly threatening Re1. Really sharp! **27...Ra7 28.Nf6+ Kh8 29.Qe5 a4 30.Kg2 Rf7**

31.Ng4+ Qg7 32.b4 axb3 33.axb3 b4 34.c4 1.06/22

[⌓34.cxb4 1.50/23 aiming for Nh6.

Rb7 35.Ra6]

34...Kg8 35.Qh5 Rff8



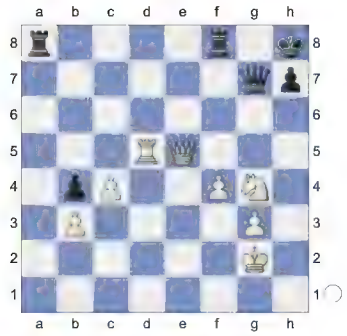
36.Ra5! Rg5 is the strong threat.

36...Kh8 37.d5 cxd5 38.Rxd5 Qb7 2.03/22

[38...Rxd5± 1.05/22 was necessary. 39.cxd5 Qd4]

39.Qe5++- Qg7 40.f4 Ra8

[Weaker is 40...Rde8 41.Qxg7+ Kxg7 42.Rg5+ Kh8 43.Rb5±]



41.Rb5 Qxe5 2.19/22

[41...Rae8 1.79/23 keeps fighting. 42.Qxg7+ Kxg7]

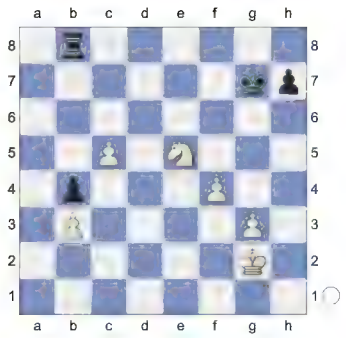
42.Nxe5

[Worse is 42.Rxe5 Ra2+ 43.Kh3 Rc2=]

42...Rfb8 43.Rxb8+ Rxb8 Endgame KR-KN **44.c5 Kg7** 2.57/24

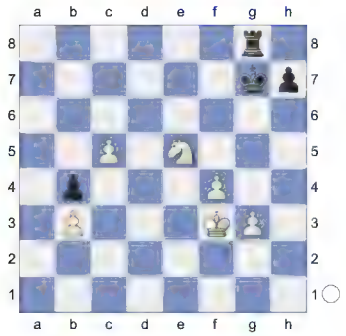
[44...h5 1.85/24 was worth a try. 45.Kh3 Kg7]

(Diagram)



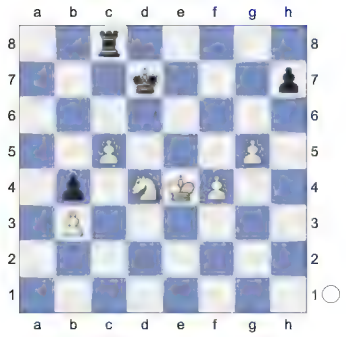
45.Kf3! Rg8 3.99/22

[45...Ra8 2.77/25 might work better. 46.Ke4 Kf6]



46.Ke4 Kf6 47.g4 Ke6 48.g5 Rf8 49.Nc6 Rc8 50.Nd4+ Kd7 4.79/25

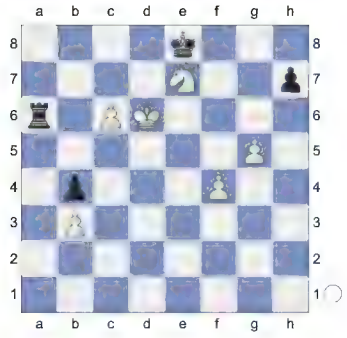
[⌓50...Ke7 3.21/25 51.Kd5 Rd8+ 52.Kc4 Rf8]



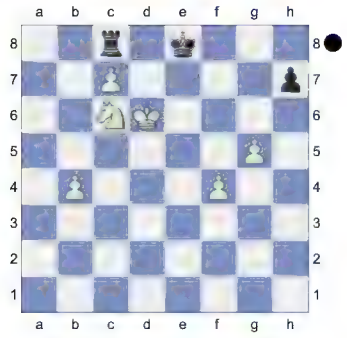
51.Kd5 White is clearly winning.

51...Ke7 52.c6 Ra8 53.Nf5+ Kd8 54.Kd6 Ra6 55.Ne7 Black must now prevent Nd5. **55...Ke8**

(Diagram)



56.Nd5 White threatens Nc7+ and mate. **56...Kf8 57.Nxb4 Ra8 58.c7 Ke8 59.Nc6** Intending Nb8 and mate. **59...Rc8 60.b4**



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163 **C89**
□ **Timmerman,Gert Jan** **2738**
■ **Tarnowiecki,Harald** **2676**
NBC Millennium Email 03.11.1999
[Kitty Kat]

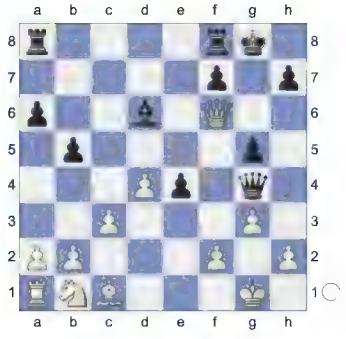
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5

(Diagram)

6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5

16.Qf3 Bf5 17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Re3 Be4 19.Rxe4 dxe4 20.Qf6 The board is on fire. **20...Qg4**



21.Qxg5+ Qxg5 22.Bxg5 f5 23.Nd2 Rae8

[23...Kf7 24.Kf1 Ke6 25.Ke2 Kd5 26.Ke3 *(26.Nf1 f4* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Survey 2000*)* 26...Rac8 27.Bf4 Bxf4+ 28.Kxf4 b4 29.Rc1 Rb8 30.Rc2 bxc3 31.bxc3 a5 32.Ke3 a4 33.c4+ Kd6 34.d5 a3 35.Rc3 h5 36.Kd4 Rb2 37.c5+ Ke7 38.Nc4 Hoogenraad,K (2725)-5.Qf3 e6 6.Nge2 (2595) Havana 1996 ZUS C73 [Boudy Bueno,Julio Leonardo; Alonso,Re] 1-0 (46)]

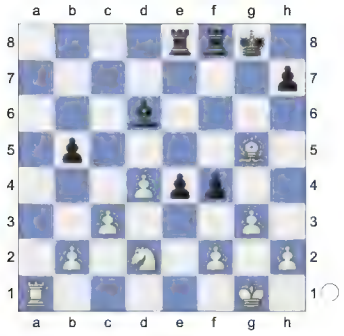
24.a4 f4N

[24...Kg7 25.axb5 axb5 26.Ra6 Re6 27.b3 Rg6 28.Bh4 Re8 29.Rb6 Rb8 30.Rxb8 Bxb8 31.Kf1 Ba7 32.Be7 Rc6 33.Bb4 Kf6 34.Ke2 Jackson-Van De Weijer,J corr 1986-88 1986 UltraCorr3a [Nunn] (34)]

25.axb5

[25.Re1 keeps more tension. e3 26.fxe3 fxg3 27.hxg3 Bxg3 28.Re2]

25...axb5



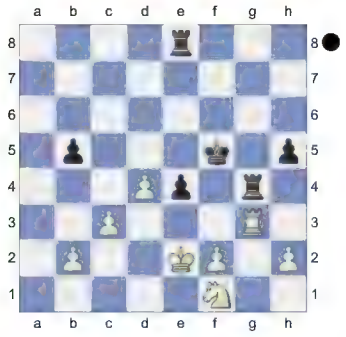
Strongly threatening ...e3. **26.gxf4** -0.36/21

[26.Re1= 0.01/23 feels stronger.]

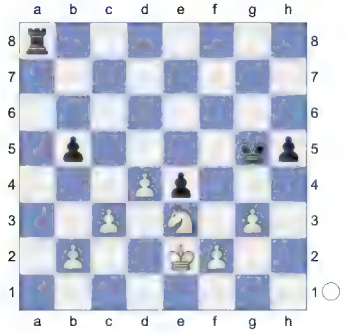
26...Bxf4∓ 27.Bxf4 Rxf4= Endgame KRR-KRN **28.Re1! Kf7 29.Re3 Kf6 30.Kf1 Kf5**

(Diagram)

31.Ke2 h5 32.Rg3 Rg4 33.Nf1



Threatens to win with Ne3+. **33...Rxg3 34.hxg3** KR-KN **34...Ra8 35.Ne3+ Kg5**

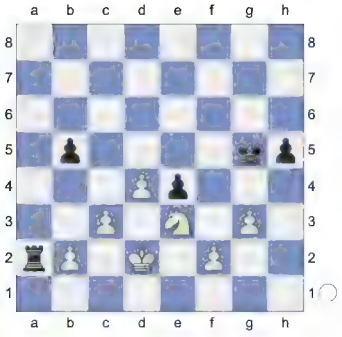


Black has compensation. **36.Kd2 Ra2 37.Kc2 Ra6 38.Kd2 Ra2 39.Kc2 Ra6** -0.01/22

[39...Ra1∓ -0.33/25]

40.Kd2! Ra2

(Diagram)



An even fight not without its subleties.
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164 **C89**
□ **Timmerman,Gert Jan** **2725**
■ **Vitomskis,Janis R** **2595**
Wch15 Final 9602 1996
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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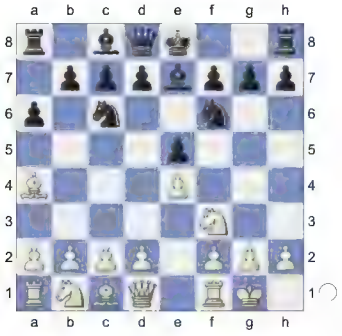
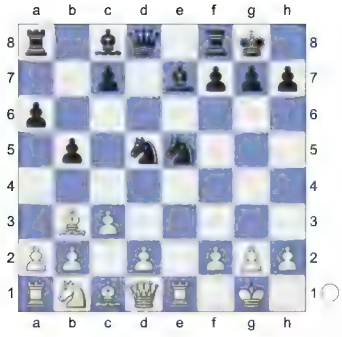


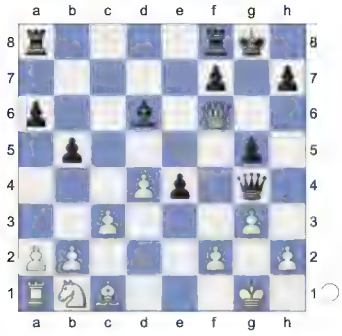
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)



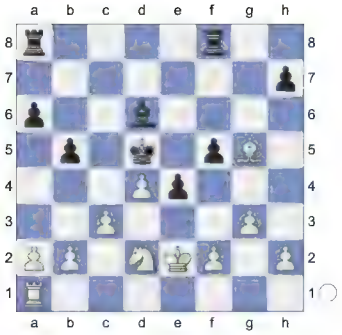
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5

16.Qf3 Bf5 17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Re3 Be4 19.Rxe4 White has an edge. **19...dxe4 20.Qf6** Dancing on a razor blade. **20...Qg4**

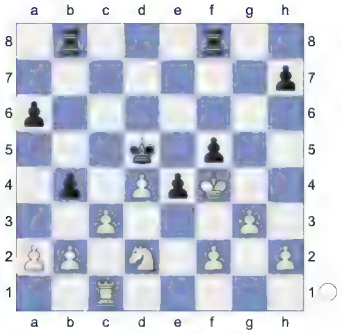


21.Qxg5+ Qxg5 22.Bxg5 f5! 23.Nd2 Kf7 0.48/19
[23...Rae8!= 0.17/21]
24.Kf1 Ke6 25.Ke2 Kd5 0.96/21
[25...Rg8± 0.59/17 26.Bh6 Rab8]

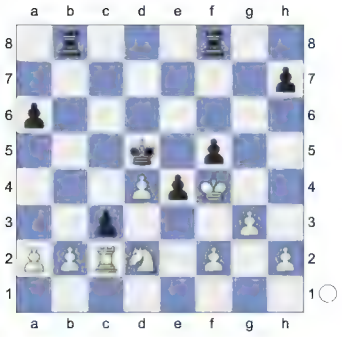
(Diagram)



26.Ke3 Rac8 27.Bf4 Bxf4+ 28.Kxf4± Endgame KRR-KRN **28...b4 29.Rc1 Rb8**

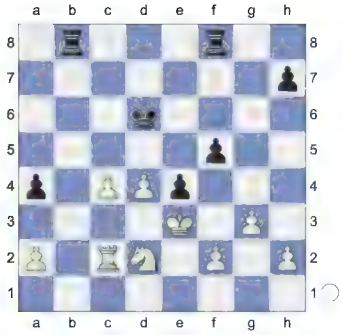


30.Rc2 bxc3

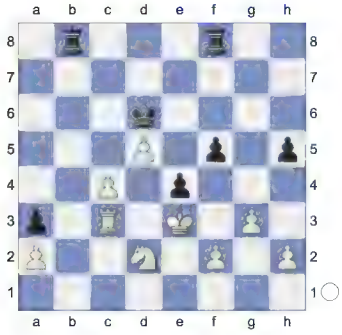


31.bxc3 a5 1.01/21
[Black should play 31...Rfd8 1.36/18]
32.Ke3± a4 1.38/21
[⌓32...Kc6 1.00/19]
33.c4+ Kd6

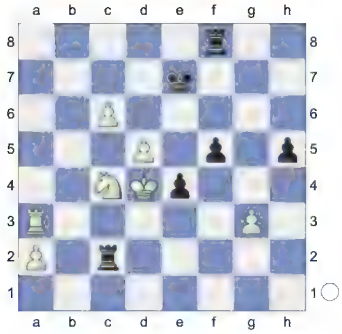
(Diagram)



34.d5! a3 And now ...Rb2 would win.
35.Rc3 Kd4 is the strong threat.
35...h5N 2.09/21
[35...Kc5± 1.30/20 was worth a try.]
[35...Rfc8]

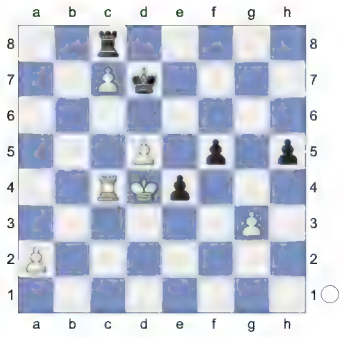


36.Kd4 Rb2 3.22/19
[36...Kc7 2.18/19 was called for.]
37.c5++- Ke7 38.Nc4 Rxf2 39.Rxa3 Rxh2 3.86/18
[⌓39...f4 2.63/17 40.Ra7+ *(40.Kxe4 f3=)* 40...Kf6 41.gxf4 *(41.Kxe4 f3=)* 41...Rxf4 42.Ra6+ Kg5]
40.c6 Rc2



41.Ra7+ Kf6 42.c7 Hoping for Rb7. White is clearly winning. **42...Rc8**

43.Ra6+ Ke7 7.51/19
[⌓43...Kg5 4.86/18 44.d6 Rc1]
44.Rc6
[Not 44.Re6+ Kd7=]
44...Rxc4+ 45.Rxc4
[Less strong is 45.Kxc4 Kd7±]
45...Kd7



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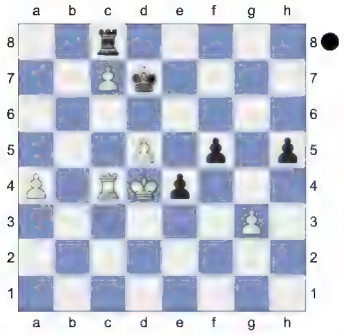

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165 **C89**
□ **Morgado,Juan Sebastian** **2615**
■ **Brilla Banfalvi,Sandor** **2505**
Bartis mem-A corr9299 1992
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

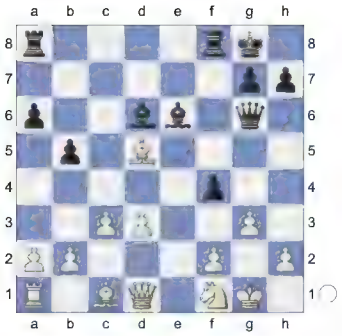
(Diagram)

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

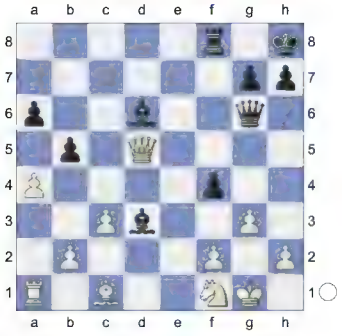
11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Qf5

16.Nd2 Qg6
[16...Bc5 17.Nf3±]
17.Nf1 f5 18.Rd4 0.01/22
[18.Rh4± 0.38/22 was preferrable.]
18...f4= 19.Rxd5
[19.Bxd5+ cxd5 20.Bd2 Bb7∓]
19...cxd5 20.Bxd5+ Be6

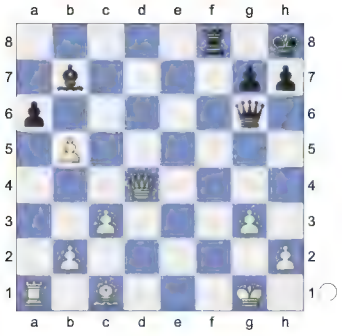
(Diagram)



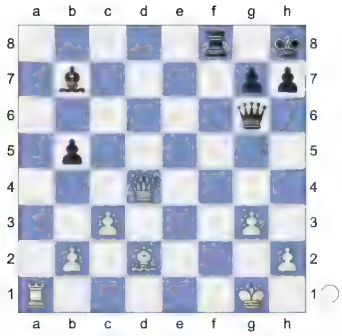
21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.Qf3 0.01/24
[22.a4± 0.59/24]
22...Rf8 23.Qe4 Bf5 24.Qd5+ Kh8! 25.a4 Bxd3



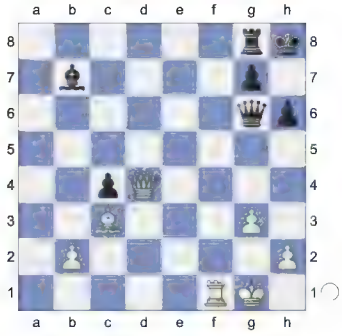
26.axb5 Be4 This bishop pair is nice.
[26...axb5? 27.Ra6 Bxf1 28.Qxd6 *(28.Kxf1 Qb1±)* 28...Qxd6 29.Rxd6+-]
27.Qd4 fxg3
[27...axb5? 28.Ra6 fxg3 29.Nxg3 Bxg3 30.Rxg6 Bxf2+ 31.Qxf2 Rxf2 32.Re6 *(32.Kxf2 Bxg6 33.Bf4 Kg8=)* 32...Rg2+ 33.Kf1+-]
28.Nxg3 Bxg3 29.fxg3 Bb7



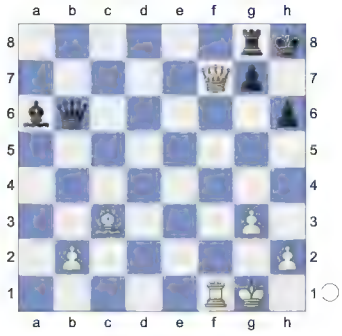
Hoping for ...Qh5. **30.Bd2** Black should prevent bxa6. **30...axb5**



31.Rf1 Rg8 32.c4! bxc4
[32...Qc6!? 33.Qd5 Qxd5 34.cxd5 Bxd5±]
33.Bc3 h6

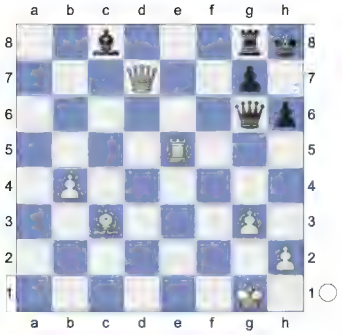


White must now prevent ...Qc6. **34.Qxc4 Ba6 35.Qf7 Qb6+**

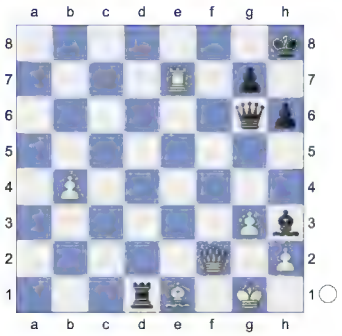


36.Rf2! Bb7 37.Qd7N Ba8! 38.b4 Qg6 Threatens to win with ...Qb1+.
39.Rf5 Bb7 ...Bc8 is the strong threat.
40.Re5 Active counter play! **40...Bc8**

(Diagram)



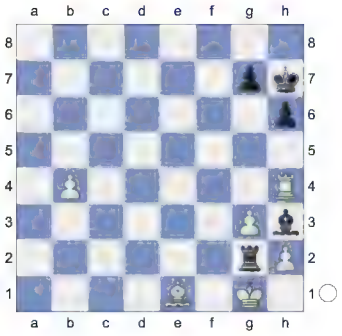
41.Qd1 Bh3 42.Qf3 Inhibits Rf8. **42...Rd8 43.Re7⇄** White is fighting back **43...Qb6+ 44.Qf2 Rd1+ 45.Be1** Dancing on a razor blade. **45...Qg6**



46.Qf3 Rb1 47.Qa8+ Kh7 And now ... Be6 would win. **48.Qe4** Inhibits Be6. **48...Qxe4**

[48...Bf5 with more complications. 49.Qe5 Rc1 50.Qe3 Ra1]

49.Rxe4 Endgame KRB-KRB **49...Rb2 50.Rh4 Rg2+**



51.Kh1 Re2 52.Bc3 Rc2 (-> ...Rc1+) **53.Rxh3 Rxc3** KR-KR **54.Rh4 Rc2 55.Rd4 Rc1+**

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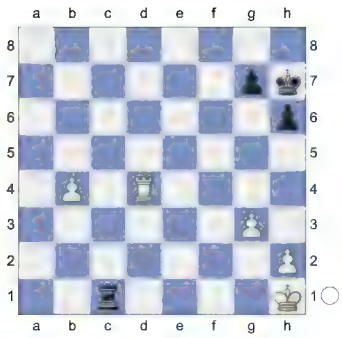
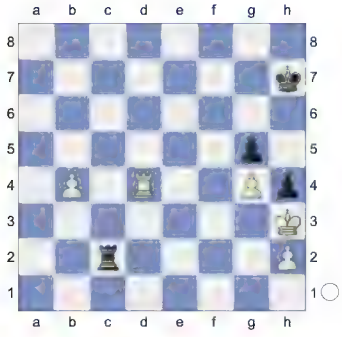


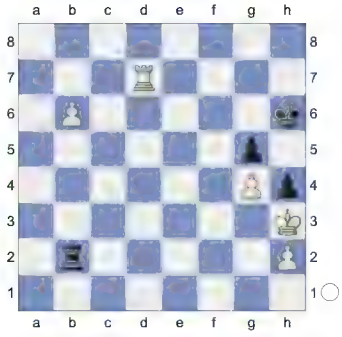
56.Kg2 Rc2+ 57.Kh3 h5 58.Rh4 0.01/25

[58.g4± 0.41/25 is more appropriate.]

58...g6 The position is equal. **59.Rd4 g5 60.g4 h4**



61.b5 Strongly threatening Rb4. **61...Rb2** Inhibits Rb4. **62.Rd7+ Kg6 63.Rd6+ Kg7 64.b6 Kh7 65.Rd7+ Kh6**



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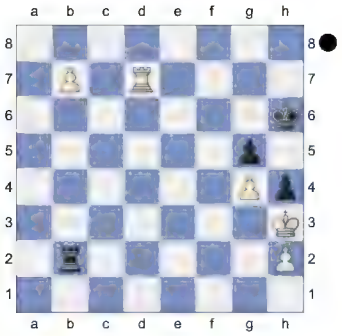

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166 **C89**
□ **Morgado,Juan Sebastian** **2616**
■ **Brilla Banfalvi,Sandor** **2191**
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C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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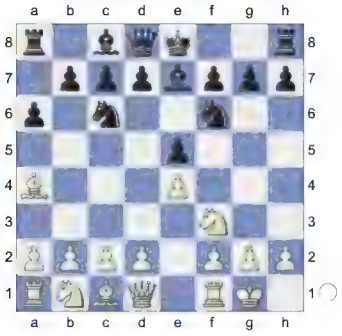

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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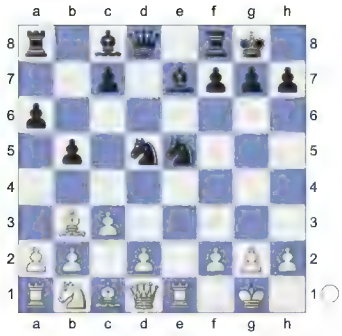
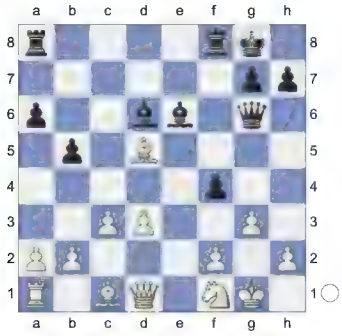


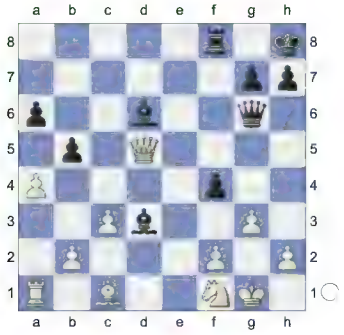
11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Qf5

16.Nd2 Qg6!
[16...Bc5 17.Nf3±]
17.Nf1 f5 0.58/22
[17...h5= 0.18/20]
18.Rd4 0.27/23
[18.Rh4± 0.58/22]
18...f4= 19.Rxd5
[Don't play 19.Bxd5+ cxd5 20.Qb3 Be6∓]
19...cxd5 20.Bxd5+ Be6



21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.Qf3 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bf5 24.Qd5+ Kh8! 25.a4 Bxd3
[25...b4 0.70/20 25...Bxd3 -0.01 26.cxb4 fxg3 27.hxg3 Threatens to

win with b5. Bxb4 0.84/21 *(27...Bxd3± 0.34/24 28.Bd2 Be4)* 28.Bd2 Bxd2! 29.Nxd2 Bxd3 1.14/21 *(29...Qf6± 0.69/22)* 30.Ra3 0.74/22 *(⌓30.Rc1 1.14/21)* 30...Bc2± 31.Rf3 Re8 32.b3 h6 33.Kg2 Kh7 34.Rf4 Qb6 35.Qc4 Qb7+ 36.Kh2 Rc8 37.Qb4 Qd5 38.Nc4 -0.01/23 *(38.Rd4± 0.39/23* was preferrable. *Qh5+ 39.Kg2)* 38...Qh5+= 39.Kg2 Qd5+! 40.Kh2 Qh5+ 41.Kg2 Qd5+! - Timman,Jan-Hubner,Robert/Tilburg (04) 1985]



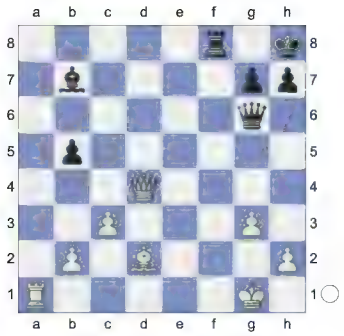
26.axb5 Be4 A strong pair of Bishops.

[26...axb5? 27.Ra6 Bxf1 28.Qxd6 *(28.Kxf1 Qb1±)* 28...Qxd6 29.Rxd6+-]

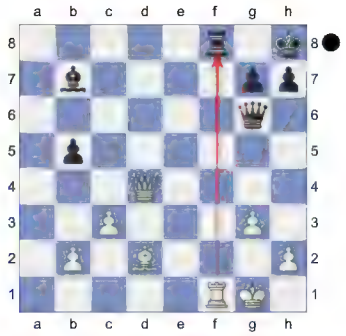
27.Qd4 fxg3!

[27...axb5? 28.Ra6 fxg3 29.Nxg3 Bxg3 30.Rxg6 Bxf2+ 31.Qxf2 Rxf2 32.Re6 *(32.Kxf2 Bxg6 33.Ke3 Kg8=)* 32...Rg2+ 33.Kf1+-]

28.Nxg3 Bxg3 29.fxg3 Bb7 30.Bd2 axb5



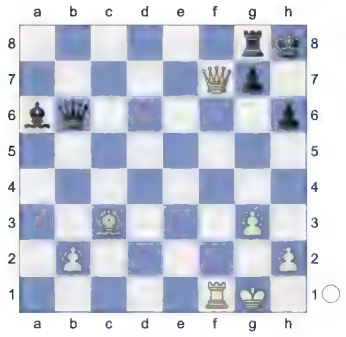
31.Rf1



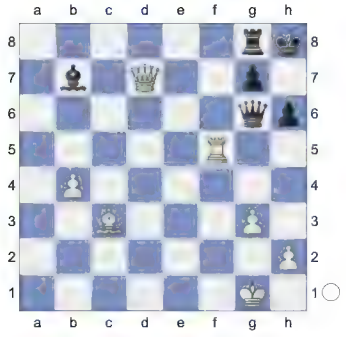
Rg8 32.c4! bxc4 White must now prevent ...Qc6.

[32...Qc6!? 33.Qd5 Qxd5 34.cxd5 Bxd5±]

33.Bc3 h6 34.Qxc4 Ba6 35.Qf7 Qb6+



36.Rf2 Bb7 37.Qd7N Black should prevent Bd4. **37...Ba8! 38.b4 Qg6 39.Rf5 Bb7**



...Bc8 is the strong threat. **40.Re5** Active counter play! **40...Bc8**

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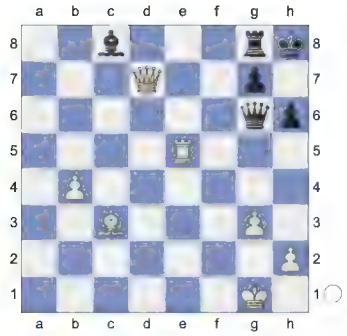
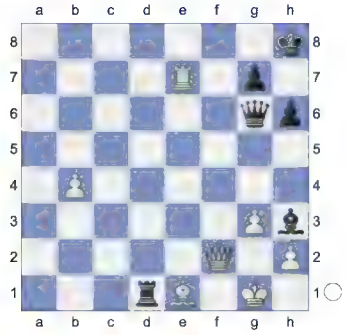
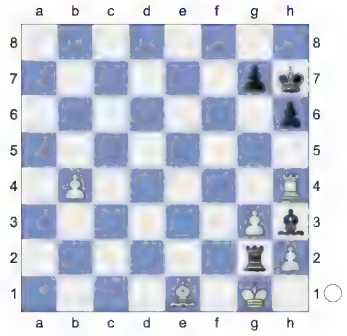


41.Qd1 Bh3 42.Qf3 Inhibits Rf8. **42...Rd8 43.Re7⇄** White has counterplay **43...Qb6+ 44.Qf2 Rd1+ 45.Be1** Dancing on a razor blade. **45...Qg6**



46.Qf3 Rb1 47.Qa8+ Kh7 Hoping for ... Be6. **48.Qe4** Against Be6 **48...Qxe4**
[48...Bf5 keeps more tension. 49.Qe5 Rc1 50.Qe3 Rb1]
49.Rxe4 Endgame KRB-KRB **49...Rb2! 50.Rh4 Rg2+**



51.Kh1 Re2 52.Bc3 Rc2 (-> ...Rc1+) **53.Rxh3 Rxc3** KR-KR **54.Rh4 Rc2 55.Rd4 Rc1+**

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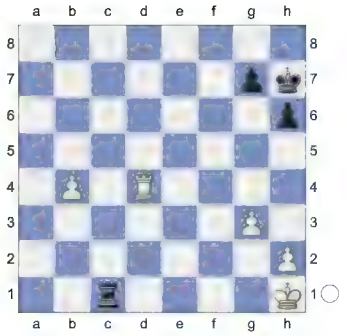
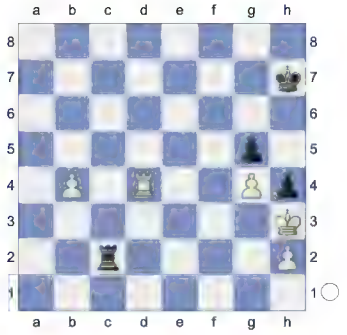
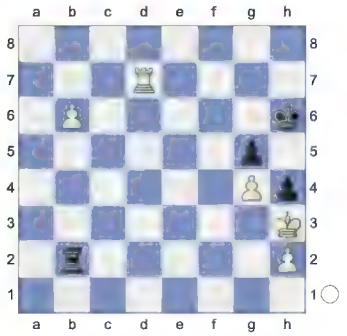


56.Kg2 Rc2+ 57.Kh3 0.01/26
[57.Kg1!± 0.46/25]
57...h5 58.Rh4 g6 The position is equal. **59.Rd4 g5 60.g4** aiming for Rd7+. **60...h4**



61.b5 And now Rb4 would win. **61...Rb2** Inhibits Rb4. **62.Rd7+ Kg6 63.Rd6+ Kg7 64.b6 Kh7 65.Rd7+ Kh6**



66.b7

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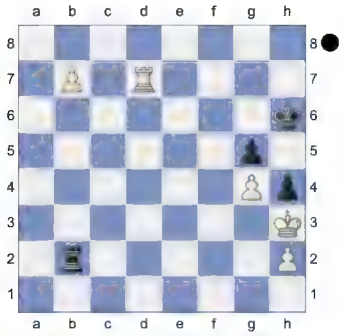

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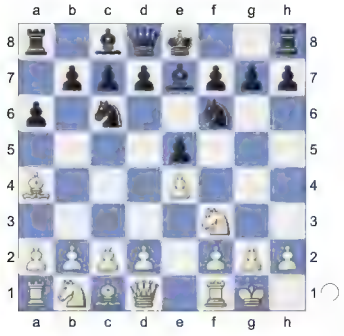
½-½

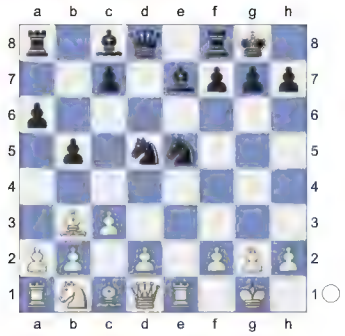
167 **C89**
□ **Timmerman,Gert Jan** **2710**
■ **Slavchev,Petko Kolev** **2565**
corr FIN jub30 GM-1 1991
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5
[9...e4 10.dxc6 exf3 11.d4 fxg2 12.Qf3 Be6 13.Bf4 Nd5 14.Bg3 a5 15.Nd2 a4 16.Bc2 g6 17.a3 Re8 18.Rad1 Nf6 19.Qxg2 Bd5 20.Ne4 Nh5 21.f3 Bxc6 22.Nf2 Bd6 23.Be4 Bxe4 24.fxe4 Bxg3 25.hxg3 Qg5 Bravo-Perez, corr. 1993]

10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6
[11...Nf4 12.d4 Ng6 13.Rh5 c5 14.Qf3 Bd7 15.Bd5 Ra7 16.Be3 Nh4 17.Rxh4 Bxh4 18.dxc5 Be6 19.Bb3 Rd7 20.Na3 Bd5 21.Bxd5 Rxd5 22.Nc2 a5 23.Bd4 Be7 24.Ne3 Rxd4 25.cxd4 Qxd4 26.c6 Qxb2 27.Rd1 Rc8 28.Nd5 Bc5 29.c7 g6 30.Qf6 Qe2 31.Ne3 Rxc7 32.Qd8+ 1-0 Schowalter-Kirwald, corr. 1989]
12.d4
[12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Qd7 16.Re1 Qh3 17.Re4 Qd7 18.Nd2 Bb7 19.Re1 c5 20.Ne4 Be7 21.a4 Kh8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Rxa8 Bxa8 24.f3 h6 25.Qe2 f5 26.Nf2 Bf6 27.Bd2 Rd8 28.Qf1 b4 ½-½ Smagin-Bessman, 1988]
[12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re3 Qh4 15.h3 f5 16.Qf3 Bb7 17.Nd2 g5 18.Qe2 g4 19.g3 Qxh3 20.Nf1 Qh5 21.Re6 Rae8 22.Bf4 Bc8 23.Re3 Rxe3 ½-½ Rodriguez A.-Lopez, Cuba 1993]
12...Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5

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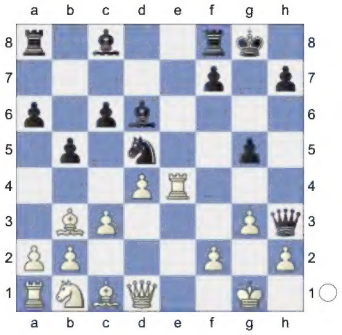
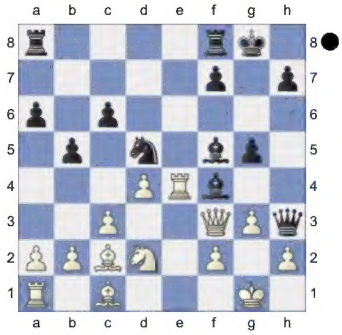
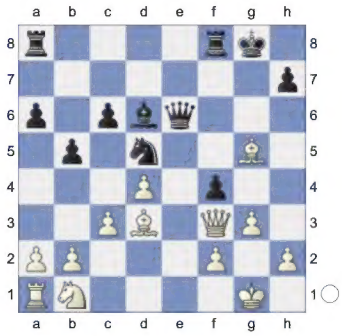


16.Qf3
[16.Nd2 f5! 17.Re1 f4∓ Pachman]
[16.Qf1 Qh5 17.f3 Bf5 *(17...Bh3 18.Qf2 Nf6 19.Re1 Rfe8 20.Be3 Re7 21.Nd2 Rae8 22.Bc2 h6 23.Ne4±* Cardoso Ro.-Quinones O., Skopje 1987*)* 18.Nd2! Rae8!⇄ Eljakim D.-Krempel T., CCYB 8/269]
16...Bf5
[16...f5!? 17.Re5 Bxe5 18.Bxd5+ cxd5 19.Qxd5+ Rf7 20.Qd8+ Kg7 21.Qxg5+ Kh8 22.Qd8+=]
17.Bc2 Black must now prevent Rh4!
[17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Re3 Be4 19.Rxe4 dxe4 20.Qf6 Qg4 21.Nd2 Bf4 0.44/23 *(21...Rae8 22.Nf1 Be7 23.Qxa6 f5! 24.Qxb5* With the idea Bd2. *f4!* ½-½ Timman-Ivanchuk, Linares 1991*; 21...Rae8!=* -0.01/22 *22.Qxd6 e3)* 22.Nf1± h3! is the strong threat. Bxc1 23.Rxc1 Hoping for Ne3. Qh5! 24.Ne3 White wants to mate with Nf5. Qg6 25.Nd5± Hernandez Molina D.-Fernandez R., CCYB 13/253]
17...Bxe4
[17...Bf4! 0.53/20 17...Bxe4 -0.21 18.Nd2 -0.18/20 *(18.Bxf4±* 0.53/20 *gxf4 19.Nd2)*

(Diagram)



18...Nf6 0.69/21 *(18...Rae8!=* -0.18/20 *)* 19.Re1± Bxc2 20.gxf4 g4= Wang Zili-Ye Jiangchuan, China 1989]
18.Bxe4 Qe6! 19.Bxg5 f5 The position is equal. **20.Bd3 f4**



21.Qe4± Against Qe1+ **21...Qd7⇄** Black has counterplay **22.Nd2 Rae8! 23.Qh1**
[23.Qg2 Qg4 24.Bh4 f3 25.Qf1 Nf4 26.Qb1 Rf7 27.Be4 Nh3+ 28.Kf1 Bf4 29.Bxc6 Re2 30.Ne4 Qe6 31.d5 Rxf2+ 32.Ke1 Re2+ 33.Kf1 Rxh2 0-1 (33) Nemeth,A-Horvath,J corr 1992 UltraCorr3a [B.Lalic]]
23...Rf7N 0.48/21
[23...Qg7= 0.01/18 24.Ne4 Bc7]
24.Ne4!± Bf8 25.Qg2 Kh8

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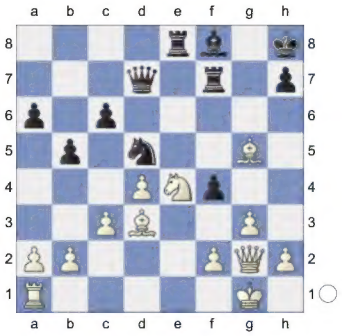
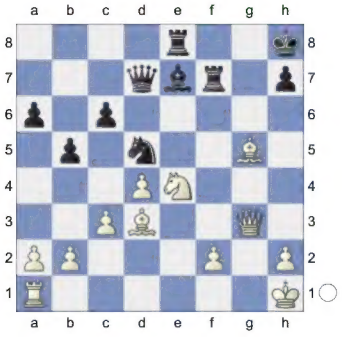
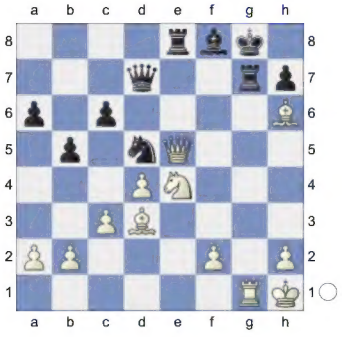


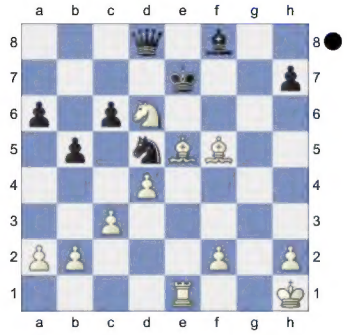
26.Kh1 fxg3 0.68/20
[26...f3= 0.10/21 27.Qf1 Qe6]
27.Qxg3 0.32/22
[27.hxg3 0.68/20 might be stronger. h6 28.Bh4]
27...Be7? 2.29/20
[Black should play 27...h6± 0.32/22 28.Bd2 Rg7]



. Black cannot hold the game after this.
28.Qe5++- Kg8 29.Bh6
[Not 29.Bxe7 Rg7=]
29...Bf8 3.27/21
[29...Bf6 2.29/23 is a better defense. 30.Qg3+ Kh8]
30.Rg1+ Rg7



31.Bxg7 Intending Bh6+ and mate. This bishop pair is nice. White is clearly winning. **31...Rxe5 32.Bxe5+ Kf7 33.Nd6+ Ke7** 7.52/24
[⌓33...Bxd6 4.36/23 34.Rg7+ Ke8]
34.Bf5 Qd8 35.Re1



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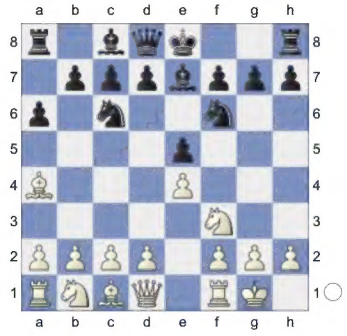
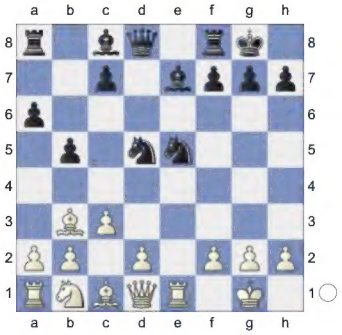
168 **C89**
□ **Morgado,Juan Sebastian** **2616**
■ **Oim,Tonu O** **2610**
corr Massow mem-A corr8895 1988
[Kitty Kat]

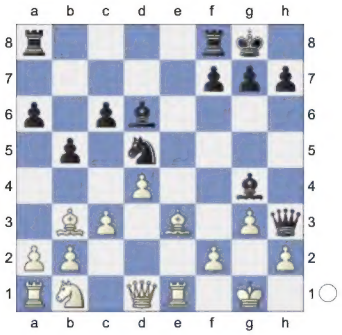
'7/257 '
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Sax,Gyula: 'Sax,Gy: '48/464 ' Sax,Gy: 'Inf 48/464" **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



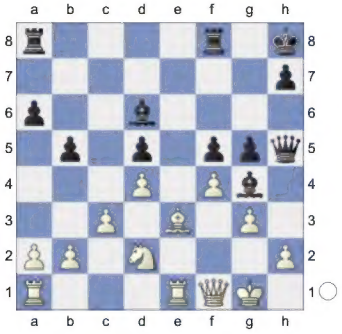
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



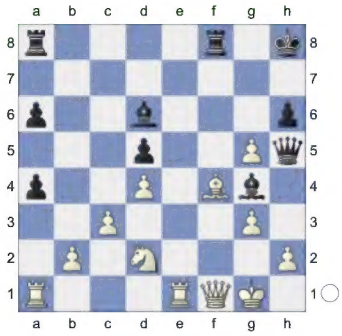
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4



16.Qd3 f5 17.f4 Kh8
[17...Bf3 18.Qf1 Qxf1+ 19.Rxf1±]
18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Nd2 g5 1.17/25
[Better is 19...b4± 0.35/20]
20.Qf1!± White is better.
[20.fxg5? Bxg3! 21.Re2 *(21.hxg3? Qxg3+ 22.Kh1 f4-+)* 21...Bf4!-+]
20...Qh5



21.a4 bxa4 22.fxg5 0.07/23
[22.Rxa4± 0.96/22 Rfb8 23.b3 *(23.Rxa6 Be2=)*]
22...f4!= 23.Bxf4 h6 1.21/25
[23...Bxf4= 0.22/24 24.gxf4 Rab8]
[23...Rxf4 24.gxf4 Rf8 25.Re5 Bxe5 26.dxe5 h6 27.Qxa6 hxg5 28.Qd6 Rxf4 29.Rf1 Bf5 30.Qxd5 Bh3 31.Rxf4 gxf4 32.Qf3 Qg5+ 33.Kh1 Qh4 34.Qa8+ Kg7 35.Qb7+ Kh8 36.Qb8+ Kh7 37.Qc7+ Kh6 38.Qc6+ Sax,G (2580)-Ehlvest,J (2620) Skelleftea 1989 CI1-130 [Sax,Gyula] 1-0 (50)]



24.Bxd6N -0.01/20
[24.Qg2 Bxf4 25.gxf4 Rad8 *(25...Rf5 26.Re3 hxg5 27.Rg3 Rxf4 28.Qxd5 Re8 29.Rf1 Re2 30.Rg2 Rxg2+ 31.Qxg2 Be6 32.Qa8+ Bg8 33.Qc6 Qh4 34.Rxf4 Qxf4 35.Nf1 Qg4+ 36.Qg2 Qf5 37.Qf2 Qg4+ 38.Qg3 Qh5 39.Ne3 Qe2 40.Qf2* D'Adamo,E-Reis,L corr BFCC 1999 UltraCorr3a [Harding] 1-0 (42)) 26.Qg3 hxg5 27.fxg5 Qxg5 28.h3 Radical Pawn Push Survey: a risky sideline Total Marshall Surveys [Tim Harding]]
24...Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1 hxg5
[25...Qxg5? 26.Rf4]
[25...Bh3 26.Rf2 hxg5 27.Nf3 Re8 28.Ne5 Prevents Qg6. Kg7 29.Re1⩲]
[Don't play 25...Qxg5 26.Rf2±]

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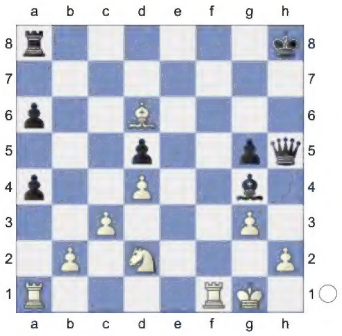
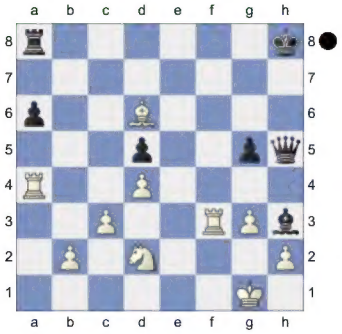
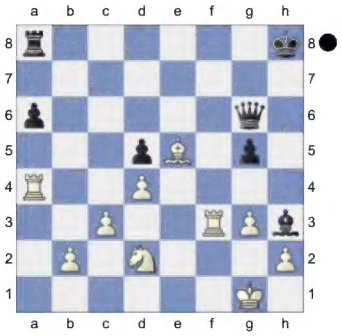


[xf4] **26.Rf6**
[26.Rxa4?! -1.58/24 26.Rae1 0.01 Bh3 aiming for ...Qe2. 27.Rf3

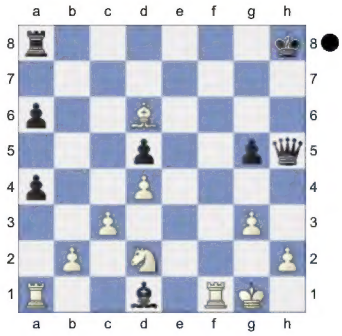


Qg6!→ 28.Be5+



Kg8! 29.Rb4 Rb7 is the strong threat. Qc2↑ -1.61/22 *(29...Rf8∓ -1.27/23 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8 31.Rb8+ Kf7 32.Rb7+ Ke8 33.Rb8+ Kd7)*]
[Of course not 26.Rxa4 Bh3 27.Rf3 Qg6 28.Be5+ Kg8∓]
26...Bd1 27.Rf1 -0.01/24
[27.Nf1!± 0.40/23 might be stronger.]

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.30
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